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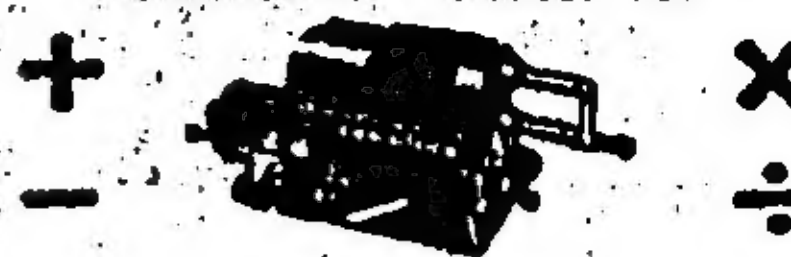
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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### A Revision Needed

LAST week we advanced some criticism of the Ordinance, which governs coroners' courts of inquiry in Hongkong, claiming that the discretion awarded magistrates in deciding whether or not an inquest should be held when a person dies from unnatural causes is unduly wide and not in the public interest. We believe that criticism was well-founded and that there is a very real need for the Ordinance to be amended to make it mandatory for coroners' inquiries to be held when death results from accidents, violence or suspicious circumstances. There is another aspect of the existing Ordinance (which has remained unchanged since 1884) which, in the light of present-day conditions, calls for comment. Under the law, coroners in Hongkong are also court magistrates, and while it is also provided that other persons can be appointed to sit as coroners, no advantage has yet been taken of the provision. That our magistrates are overburdened with criminal court work is almost a notorious fact. Yesterday, for example, one Kowloon magistrate had to deal with about 400 cases, and while it is true this was due to exceptional circumstances, it remains established that magistrates on both sides of the harbour are so fully occupied with criminal cases, that they have little or no time to devote to other matters.

THE time is obviously opportune for Government to make use of the provisions of the Coroners' Court Ordinance to appoint persons other than magistrates to conduct inquests. Stipendiary magistrates in England are not called upon to add coroners' duties to their ordinary magisterial functions, and so far as Hongkong is concerned we see no good reason why coroners should also have to be magistrates. Manifestly the heavy court work at present imposed on our magistrates tends to cause serious delays in the conducting of inquests. Many weeks elapsed before the circumstances pertaining to the death of Mr. J. C. Guimang were investigated by a coroner. Similarly three weeks have gone by since a Chinese was killed by a motor car near Tsun Wan and yet there has been no sign of a coroner's court of inquiry being arranged to investigate the fatality. These delays leave the impression that the Authorities are evading their public responsibilities. For overworked magistrates, inquests may well be a nuisance, but they remain a necessary nuisance and there is no justification for failure to conduct a court of inquiry merely because it causes inconvenience to the responsible authorities. Government needs to make a thorough review of the whole situation pertaining to coroners' courts and to revise the system in such a manner that there need be neither unnecessary delays nor evasions in the holding of inquiries into unnatural deaths.

# Moscow Plot Behind Crisis In British Guiana

## AMAZING PLAN REVEALED

(From Henry Lowrie)

Washington, Oct. 28.

A fantastic Moscow plot lay behind the crisis in British Guiana. It was to exploit the Colony, convert it into a base for supplies to feed the Communists in neighbouring Brazil and let them develop guerrilla warfare.

But the scheme was nipped in the bud by Britain's powerful action. It is hard to find official proof of such a scheme but it was revealed to me today by a Latin-American expert.

Serafino Romualdi, Italian Assistant Secretary of the American Federation of Labour's inter-American regional organisation, considers he had such inside information and he has sent a report to the British Embassy.

Romualdi was on the point of leaving for one of his frequent visits to South America when he called at his Washington office. He shrugged his shoulders when I asked for proof.

"I have no documents, if that's what you want," he said, "but down in Georgetown everyone knows what's happening."

"It's common knowledge in informed circles that the speeding up of Communist plans for seizing control were partly motivated by what I think was the desire of the Kremlin to use Guiana as a supply base for a guerrilla campaign in Brazil."

Why send supplies through Guiana when Brazil has such a

long coastline where submarines could operate? It was logical, thought Romualdi, if Guiana had a Communist government. It could easily be a "free" country and supplies could move through there at will without interference from the authorities.

### DANGEROUS MAN

Captain Luis Carlos Prestes is the most dangerous man in Brazil, indeed the most dangerous Communist in the Western Hemisphere, thinks Romualdi. And arms would have gone through Guiana to him, enabling him to step up his activities.

Commenting in his report on the People's Progressive Party's attempt to enlist the support of the British Socialists, he says "Echoing the Communist line the only thing they had to say about it (the Labour Party) was derogatory and insulting. This sudden display of friendship for the Labour Party, bordering on flattery, is in order to secure a kind of paternal protection, is nothing but cynical opportunism directed by political expediency, for which the Communists are well trained."

He sums up "The democratic labour movement of British Guiana is already recovering from the demoralising blows received under the short-lived Jagan regime and is again able to challenge publicly the Communist leadership." — London Express Service.

## Will Fulfil Obligations

Cairo, Oct. 28. The Egyptian Minister for National Guidance, Major El Salem, today declared in a broadcast that Egypt would fulfil her international obligations in regard to the protection of the Suez Canal.

He added that his country could only play its natural part in the strategic area of the Middle East as an independent and sovereign state.

In his speech, he stressed Egypt's numerous efforts to reach a Pacific agreement with Britain on the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone. — France-Press.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE CONFERENCE



Sir Alfred Savage, the Governor of British Guiana, speaks at a Press conference at the Government House Annex, Georgetown, British Guiana, in which he explained to overseas and local newspapermen the moves made by the British Government forces to combat the threats of the Communist PPP party under the leadership of Dr Cheddi Jagan, the deposed Prime Minister, and his Chicago-born Communist wife Janet Jagan. — London Express.

## House Of Commons Endorses Gov't's Trieste Policy

London, Oct. 28.

The House of Commons tonight endorsed the Government's policy on Trieste by a majority of 28.

After a full debate, the Labour Opposition forced a vote as a protest against the Government's handling of the situation. This was defeated by 296 votes to 268. The motion on which the vote took place was a procedural one — that the House should adjourn. There was no specific motion about Trieste down for debate.

Mr Hugh Dalton, in a summing up speech for the Opposition, accused the Government of having "grossly blundered" in their whole handling of the affair. They had "bitterly estranged our friends and completely bewildered others." As a result, the clash of arms which might take place had become a "looming danger" requiring great and persistent efforts to avert, Mr Dalton said.

He suggested the decision had been taken while Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, was away recovering from a recent operation.

Mr Eden had said earlier Britain and America did not foresee the threat of military force when they decided to hand over their zone of Trieste to Italy.

Mr Eden openly admitted that Britain and the United States seriously misjudged what President Tito's reaction would be to their decision to hand over zone A of Trieste to Italy.

But he rebuffed the Yugoslav leader for threatening to march into the zone as soon as the "Western Allies" left it.

"There can be no justification for such threats," he declared. Mr Eden told the House of Commons the Allied Governments foresaw violent reactions from both Italy and Yugoslavia to their decision. But they agreed that their soldiers were more likely to work if they announced it without prior consultation with the two disputants.

### A DEAD LETTER

Mr Eden also openly accepted for the first time that the British, French and American declaration of 1948 favouring the return to Italy of both the Yugoslav and Allied zones of Trieste was a dead letter.

There was "no practicable possibility" of effecting either this solution or that of the establishment of a free territory, as laid down by the Italian peace treaty, he said.

Mr Eden fiercely attacked the Labour Opposition's stand that the 1948 declaration made when the Labour Party was in power here was merely a proposal and had not therefore drastically affected the situation.

As an attempt to break a deadlock, the aim of the October 8 decision was "not so very different" from that of the 1948 declaration, he maintained.

The Foreign Secretary reaffirmed Britain's intention not to go back on the latest Allied plan, but he said the hand-over to Italy "would be complicated and would inevitably take time to complete."

It has never been officially admitted that the contemplated time table for the hand over has been modified. The communiqué which announced the decision of October 8 said the Allied withdrawal and the transfer would be carried out at the earliest "practicable" time. It was originally thought that the evacuation of the 7,000 British and American troops and the hand over to Italy would take about six weeks.

It now seems clear that the Allied Governments will not withdraw all their troops while the slightest possibility exists of an armed conflict between Italy and Yugoslavia.

Such a war, diplomatic quarters here say, could be disastrous for the whole Western defence buildup against Russian Communism.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, said yesterday that the five-Power conference on Trieste proposed by the Big Three Foreign Ministers at their recent London conference would comprise Britain, France, America, Italy and Yugoslavia.

### DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

It is to be expected that intense diplomatic activity between the five capitals is now directed. An Anglo-American working party has been set up at the Foreign Office in London to co-ordinate the Allied efforts to convene such a conference in a manner acceptable to both Yugoslavia and Italy.

President Tito is at present insisting that the holding of the five-Power conference must not presuppose implementation of the decision to hand over Zone "A" to Italy. Signor Giuseppe Fella, the Italian Prime Minister, said the Allied plan must go through.

France, which is not participating directly in the Trieste talks, since she has no troops in Trieste and was not a party to the October decision, is also attempting to bring the Rome and Belgrade Governments together on the question.

The major preoccupation of the three Western Powers is to eliminate the risk of a clash between the Italian and Yugoslav troops in either Trieste or on the frontier that runs north of it. There is, therefore, much sympathy here for the Italian proposal of last week that both sides should withdraw their forces to a safe distance from each other. — Reuters.

## US Credits To Israel

Washington, Oct. 28.

US Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, today announced that he was granting \$26,000,000 credits to Israel.

The credit was to be given in the form of economic aid to Israel. The decision ends the one-month-old embargo on American economic aid to Israel which had been imposed following the outbreak of the Israel-Jordan dispute.

Mr Dulles explained that this decision had been taken because Israel agreed to suspend work on the Jordan River damming operations. He said that by granting these credits, the United States support of the United Nations Truce Observation Commission was endorsed and that the obstacle to economic aid to Israel had been eliminated.

He added that plans for economic aid to Arab countries were progressing and sums to be allocated would be announced in the near future. The \$26,000,000 grant would cover a six-month period. — France-Press.

## PARLIAMENT IS PROROGUED

London, Oct. 28.

The Queen in Privy Council at Buckingham Palace today approved the order proroguing Parliament from tomorrow until next Tuesday.

The Queen will herself attend next week's state opening when at a joint session of both houses she will make a speech outlining the Government's programme for the new term. — Reuters.

## Work Suspended

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 28.

An Israeli Government spokesman announced tonight that work on the diversion of the River Jordan had been suspended temporarily in the demilitarized zone south of Lake Hula, in the Israel-Syria frontier region.

He said the work had been halted in order to facilitate consideration of the project by the United Nations Security Council. — Reuters.

## TOWPATH MURDER TRIAL

### Detective Accused Of Inventing A "Key" Statement

London, Oct. 28.

A Scotland Yard detective was accused in the witness box today of inventing a "key" statement in which a 22-year-old labourer admitted murdering two teen-age girls on a River Thames towpath.

Alfred Charles Whiteway, accused of killing Christine Reed, 18, and Barbara Songhurst, 16, whose bodies were found stabbed and raped in the River Thames, listened intently as his counsel, Mr P. Rawlinson, challenged the detective.

But in the hushed courtroom at the Old Bailey, London's criminal court, Detective Superintendent Herbert Hannam declared: "It is a shocking suggestion. I am pleased to deny it."

A few minutes earlier, the statement was read to the court as the murder drama heightened.

In it Whiteway is alleged to have said: "I did it. What a mess. I am mental. My mind must be wrong. 'Must have a woman. I cannot stop myself. I am not a murderer.'"

Under English law, Whiteway is charged with one murder—that of Barbara Songhurst—though the prosecution say he killed both girls.

The statement described how he "bashed" one girl and she went down "like a log."

"The other screamed out down by the lock," he said. "Never saw her till then. I nipped over and shut her up."

### SHOWN CHOPPER

The court was told the statement was taken after the detective, who was in charge of investigation, laid a chopper on a table before Whiteway. The detective made no comment about it.

In the statement, Whiteway is alleged to have said: "Put that chopper away. It haunts me. What more do you want to know?"

Mr Rawlinson claimed that Whiteway never made the statement.

The detective replied: "They are his own words from his own lips. That statement is the only one that unlocks the key to this whole crime."

He said that Whiteway turned "noticeably pale" when told that one of his shoes had heavy bloodstains on it.

He added: "I saw he was trembling considerably and he said 'you know it was me. I did not mean to kill 'em. I never want to hurt anyone.'"

Whiteway was alleged to have told the police that when he was arrested he had the axe "up his shirt." In a police car, he pushed it under a seat to hide it.

The detective said he had six interviews with Whiteway lasting a total of 11 hours.

The trial was adjourned until Thursday.

Earlier in the hearing, three youths were cross-examined by the defence about visits by Barbara and Christine on the towpath.

## Penalties To Be Removed

Paris, Oct. 28.

The Labour Committee of the French National Assembly today voted to urge the government to remove penalties taken against workers, who took part in the August strike wave.

The motion was passed by 20 votes to seven, with two abstentions.

Popular Republicans and Socialists, Communists and Communists voted together in the majority. — France-Press.

## Homes Raided

Portofino, Oct. 28.

Police raided the home of five leaders of the Transval Indian Congress here yesterday.

Mr Sigmund whose home was among those raided, said the police seized documents belonging to the Congress and others belonging to the Joint Council of Europeans and non-Europeans and the Transval Peace Council.

The other homes raided belonged to Mr Hans Sita, the Secretary of the Congress, Mr E. Mooloo, the President, Mr G. Mooloo and Dr D. Chetty. — Reuters.

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## Tortures And Massacres In Korea

Washington, Oct. 28. The United States Army, in a new account of Communist atrocities, reported today that 6,113 Americans were probably among the many people tortured and massacred in Korea. The new account of Communist brutality, the Army said, "exposes the enemy for what he is."

Together with the report, which the Army Secretary, Mr Robert T. Stevens, said described "the coldest-blooded programme of torture and murder carried on by the Communist enemy," the Army released photographic evidence—pictures of mutilated life and limbs of blackened corpses of men roasted alive.

The report was compiled by

the War Crimes Division of the Army in Korea. It covered the period from the beginning of the war through last June 30. Its total figure for probable American victims was not greatly changed from that issued in November, 1951, by Colonel James M. Hanley, then an officer charged with gathering information about war crimes. — Reuters.



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# Vote In Assembly On Indo-China Major Success For Premier

## Yoshida Envoy's American Mission Drawing To End

Washington, Oct. 28.

Mr Hayato Ikeda, special envoy of Premier Shigeru Yoshida of Japan, returned to Washington from New York last night for a final round of conferences with United States authorities on military and economic aid to strengthen his nation's defences.

Washington sources said it had been tentatively arranged for Mr Ikeda and the mission he heads to confer with Mr Walter Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, today.

### Capital Goods As Reparations Payment?

Tokyo, Oct. 28.

The Minister of International Trade, Mr Kiyo-hiko Okane, said today that Japan was considering paying some reparations in Southeast Asia in the form of capital goods.

He told the Diet that the reparations issue must be settled before exports can be promoted in Southeast Asian nations.

Even if a considerable amount of capital goods was offered, it would not affect Japanese industry if spread over a long period, he added.—Reuter.

### Recruiting Of Gurkhas

New Delhi, Oct. 28.

A British base for recruiting Gurkha troops opened this week at Meerthwal in West Nepal, according to reports reaching here today.

This is the first time recruiting has been done in Nepalese territory.

The previous British base was at Lehra in Indian territory, but this had to be removed because of local agitation against the existence of foreign troops on Indian soil.

The Nepalese Government has agreed to recruiting inside Nepal and the Indian Government has promised facilities for the transit of recruits.—Reuter.

## LEE GREAT WORLD

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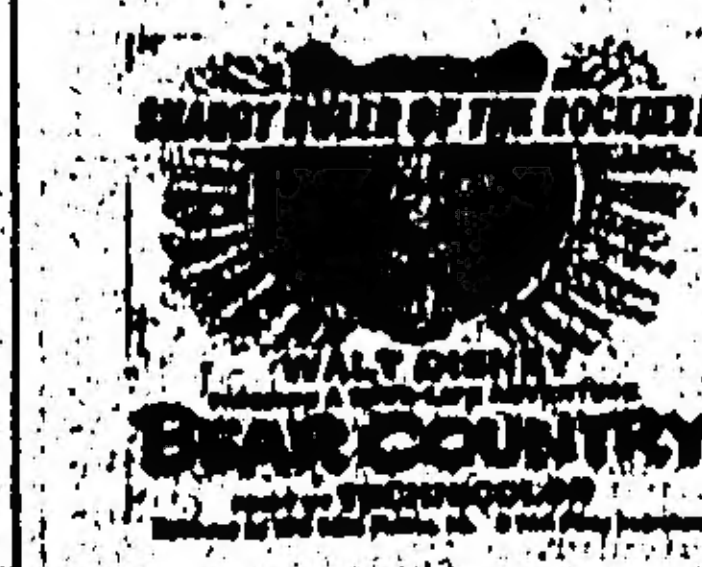
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There is likely to be much clearer thinking in France about her policy in Indo-China, observers believe, following the Parliamentary debate on Indo-China which ended this morning with a very substantial success for Prime Minister Joseph Laniel.

The Assembly made it clear that it wants peace in Indo-China as soon as this can be obtained on honourable terms, safeguarding the independence of the Associated States, preserving their membership of the French Union and maintaining close understanding with the United States and the Atlantic powers in general.

The Government now has explicit approval of a substantial majority in the Assembly for:

1. Build up the Vietnam Army with a view to relieving French troops.
2. Enter into peace negotiations whenever honourably possible.
3. Press the Atlantic Allies, which means America, for still further participation in the sacrifices involved in the Indo-China war, considered in France as undertaken in the common interest of the Western Allies.

OPENING THE WAY

The debate has not changed the policy of France, but has left the way free for future evolution of French policy than before. M. Laniel referred to negotiations at greater length and with more approval than any previous Premier.

The French Government's efforts to reach a point where peace by negotiation could be attempted will no doubt depend on what happens at the Korean political conference. Foreign Minister Georges Bidault has said that if the Korean talks develop in a promising manner, France will press hard for the extension of these talks in some form to the subject of Indo-China.

Meanwhile, the French Government will pursue military operations as energetically as the means available allow. There was no reason for pessimism about the military situation, M. Laniel said during the debate.

The situation might again get critical from a political viewpoint if the Vietnam answer to France's note about Vietnam's intentions towards the French Union were considered unsatisfactory. The reply from Bao Dai, now in Saigon, is not expected for about a fortnight.

Premier Laniel has scored an important political success in rallying the big majority of Deputies aside from the Socialists and Communists around his Indo-China policy. This follows his quietly successful move in preventing a clash with organized labour which last month was predicted as inevitable.

He also scored a big Parliamentary triumph in the agricultural debate last week and has thus, for the time being, pacified the three groups which might have brought his Cabinet to an end—the workers, the peasants and the nationalists.

M. Laniel's next and probably only obstacle before the Presidential election in December will be the debate on the European Army, at present arranged for November 17 or 18.

On this subject, it is expected he will have much greater difficulty in rallying a majority. In fact, it is probable that he can only do so if the Socialists, the official Opposition Party, come to his rescue.

The European Army is an issue which splits all groups, except the Communists, down the middle. The Communists themselves have further complicated the position by offering to support any group which votes against the Army treaty.

A debate on the European Army will not necessarily show whether the treaty will be eventually ratified. Such a debate, it is thought, is likely to end in a general resolution to leave any future vote a still open question.—China Mail Special.

### MP Expelled By Party

Pretoria, Oct. 28.

Mr Arthur Barlow, 80-year-old journalist and veteran South African politician, was expelled today from the United (opposition) Party led by Mr Jacobus Strauss. He is the fifth party member to be expelled in the past fortnight.

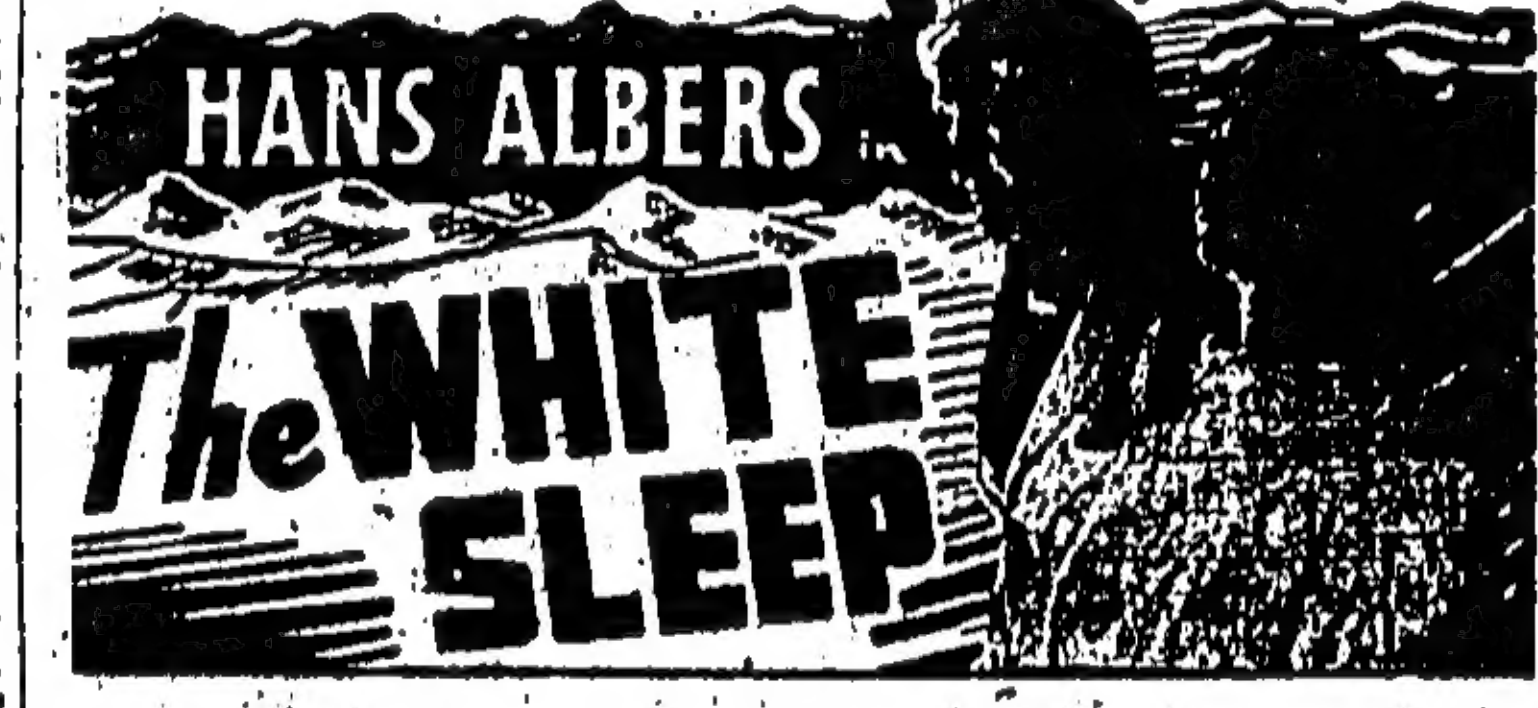
A statement, issued by the Transvaal Provincial Executive of the party after a meeting today, said Mr Barlow, member of Parliament for the Johannesburg Constituency, was expelled for "disloyalty" to the party.

Mr Barlow was expelled from the United Party's governing body last month for criticising the party for its approach to the parliamentary conflict over the alteration of the coloured voters franchise.

The four other United Party members expelled were: Mr P. Bekker, Mr B. Cootze, Mr F. V. Waring and Dr A. H. Jonker.—Reuter.

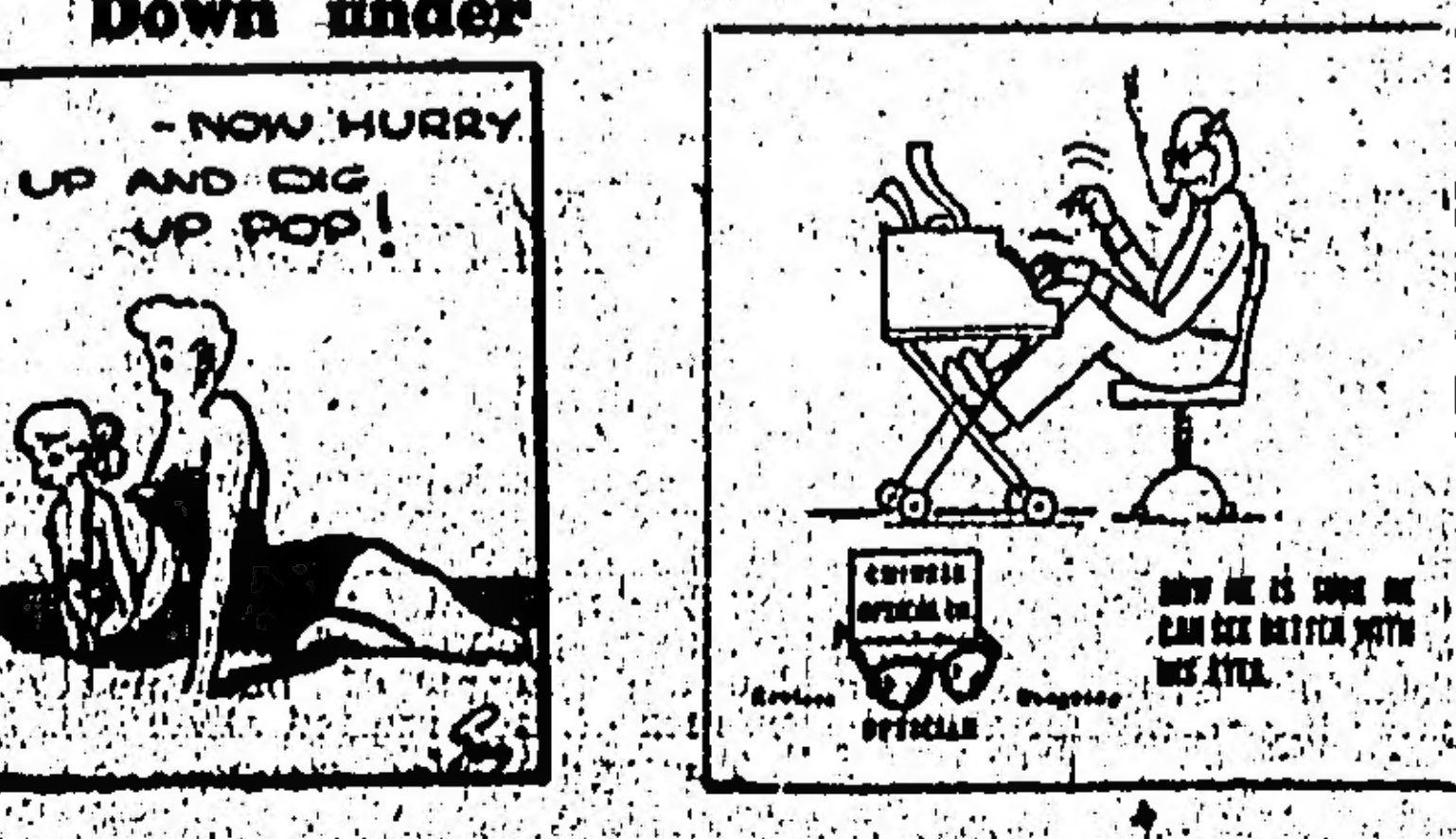
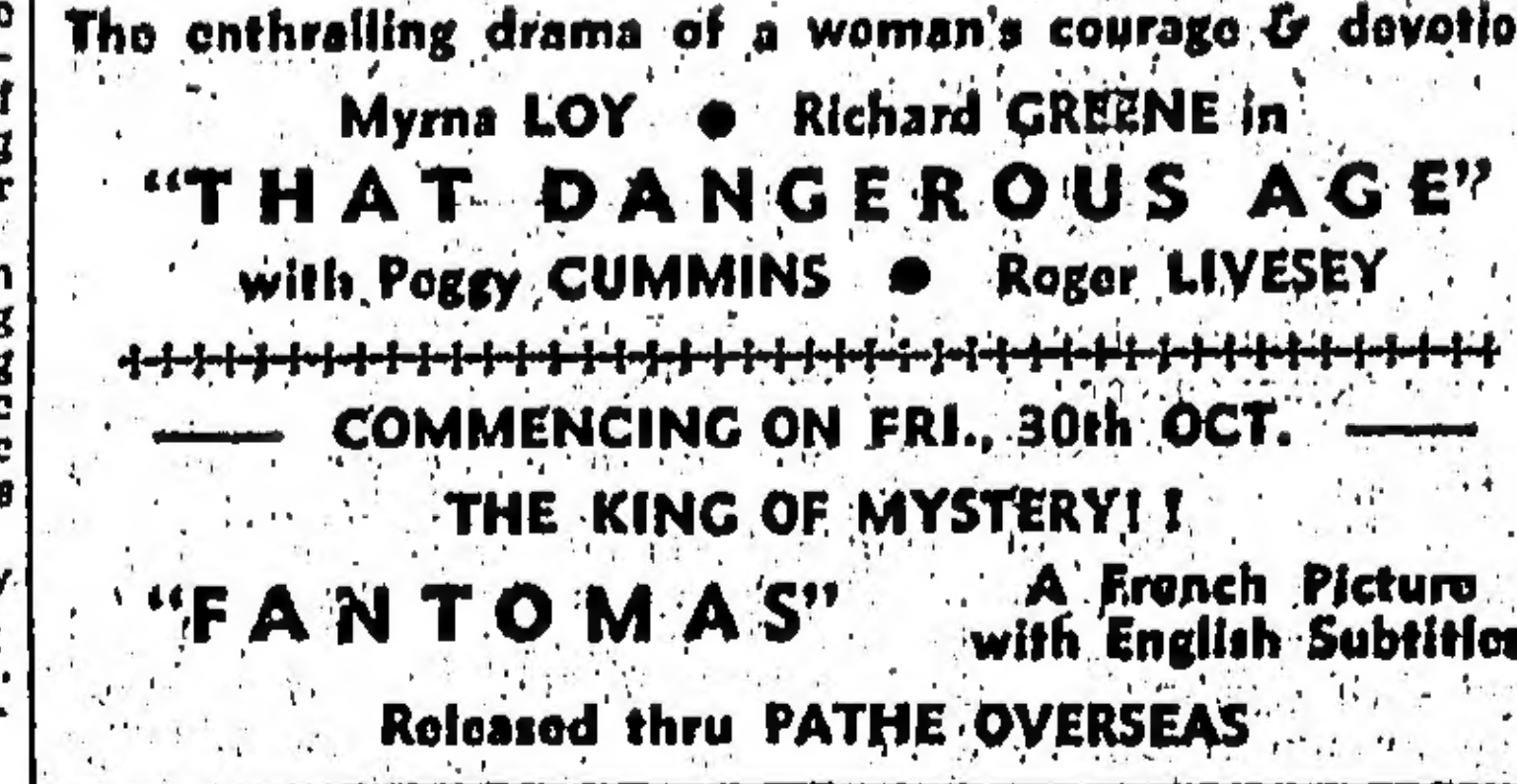
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# Germ War Accusations Against America Trumped Up & False

## SPENDER ON "INFAMOUS CALUMNIES"

New York, Oct. 28. Sir Percy Spender of Australia told the General Assembly's Political Committee today that history would record the germ warfare charges made by the Communists as "one of the most infamous calumnies ever concocted by one civilised State against another."

## Stepped Backwards In Time

London, Oct. 28. Mr. Leslie Cook, of Croydon, South London, stepped 2,000 years backwards in time when he fell into a hole which appeared suddenly in his garden during a rainstorm.

He covered the hole with a dustbin, but noticed 15 minutes later that the bin had disappeared.

Mr. Cook had stumbled over the entrance to an underground cave in which people had lived during the Roman occupation of Britain about the time of the birth of Christ.

Mr. Alan Reid, a school-teacher and amateur archaeologist, inspected the hole and recognised it as part of an underground housing settlement.

He gathered a volunteer team of schoolboys to dig for Roman eggs and they moved 50 tons of soil to uncover the floor of the cave at a depth of 15 feet below ground level. Their excavations have revealed an oval room, measuring 11 feet by 10 feet six inches, in which the inhabitants had left traces of their civilisation.

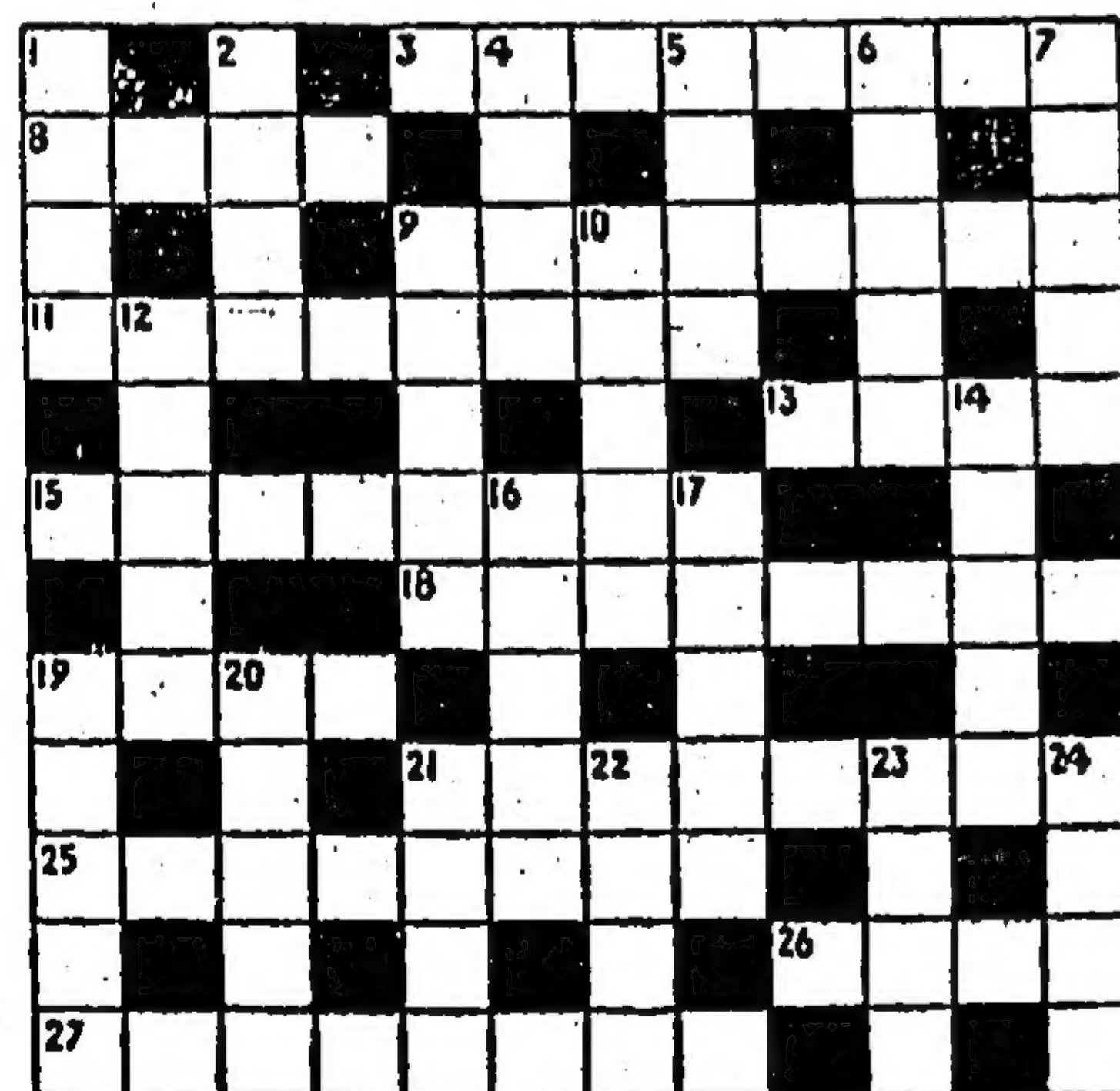
Today, Mr. Reid said the cave was warm, dry and very comfortable. Pottery of the kind used in Roman days had been found in it.

But now the Croydon Corporation has decided that the digging must stop to prevent a possible earth collapse. After next week-end Mr. Reid and his volunteers will begin filling in the cavity and the cave will disappear.—China Mail Special.

## Game's Tragic End

Edinburgh, Oct. 28. Blindfolded with a wooden scarf during a game of blind man's buff, seven-year-old Allen Scoules fell over a 14-foot high promenade into the sea at Crumocher village, Edinburgh, last night and was drowned. He had been playing with two village boys.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Chirps (8).
- 8 Take notice (4).
- 9 Resounding (8).
- 11 Prelate (8).
- 13 Nigmarly (4).
- 15 Vied with (8).
- 16 Reluctant (8).
- 18 Equipment (4).
- 21 Set free (8).
- 25 Bounder (8).
- 26 Brace (4).
- 27 Temperate (8).

### DOWN

- 1 Smart (4).
- 2 Lock closely (4).
- 4 Bird (4).
- 5 Implement (4).
- 6 Get away from (5).
- 7 Old Nick (5).
- 9 Appendix (6).
- 10 Rescues (5).
- 12 Solitary (5).
- 14 Vigilant (5).
- 16 Lukewarm (5).
- 17 Submit to (5).
- 18 Dependence (5).
- 20 Played a part (5).
- 21 Filiber (4).
- 22 Vegetable (4).
- 23 Nomad (4).
- 24 Noblemen (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Torrid, 4 Match, 7 Absolves, 8 Carat, 9 Guller, 11 Treble, 13 Divorce, 15 Patron, 18 Onset, 19 Triangle, 20 Slings, 21 Sleepy, Down: 1 Twang, 2 Root, 3 Divorce, 4 Nuclei, 5 Ternets, 6 Hustle, 10 Invasion, 12 Repairs, 13 Droops, 14 Rattle, 16 Run, 17 Needy.

## Unpopularity Of U.N. In United States

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 28. Protestant Church leaders today described the United Nations attitude in the United States, where, one speaker said, the world organization was "threatened by a jungle of dashing nationalism."

A New York Congressman, Dr. Richard M. Fawcett, spoke out against what he called the "social systems and power blocs" active in the United States. Similar sentiments were expressed by many of the 400 clergymen and laymen representing 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox groups, at a four-day inter-denominational conference.—Reuter.

## Call For Reduction Of U.S. Tariffs

Washington, Oct. 28. AFL President George Meany said today it was sheer nonsense to say that 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 Americans would lose their jobs if United States tariffs were abolished.

The extent to which American industry was, in fact, subject to jeopardy from imports, whether because of lower labour standards or other reasons, had been greatly overstated, he added.

Mr. Meany said that the prediction of millions of job-losses was made in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee. To come true, he said, United States imports would have to increase by \$25,000,000,000 a year after the elimination of duties. This he called inconceivable.

The labour chief called for a reduction of tariffs in a statement before the Commission on Foreign Economic Policy which opened two days of hearings today.

Mr. Allan E. Kline, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, urged relaxation of trade barriers as a solution to falling United States farm exports.

Mr. Meany called for a seven-point programme that would include measures to eliminate exchange difficulties, increase foreign investments, stabilise foreign prices of raw materials, eliminate oppressive labour standards and elimination of artificial trade restrictions.

### EXPERT OPINION

Mr. Meany cited expert opinion to show that the elimination of present tariffs would affect less than 300,000 jobs. Other studies, he reported, indicate that tariff revision would only eliminate 45,000 jobs at the most.

On the other hand, he said, continued high tariffs would help curtail United States exports, affecting some 3,000,000 American industrial trade and farm workers.

Mr. Kline said that United States farmers faced a crisis because of sharply dropping exports and trade policies must be geared to encourage foreign countries to buy more United States goods.

"The loss in our export markets is a painful fact," he said in prepared testimony. "During the 12 months from July, 1953, to June, 1953, the said, farm exports had dropped 31 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier."

"Falling exports have started a spiral of developments—large cutbacks, falling farm prices, reduced farm incomes and drastic production controls."

Mr. Kline proposed simplification of Customs procedures, the reduction of any tariffs over 25 per cent and more flexibility for the President to make changes in US tariffs in negotiations for concessions from other countries.

He also called for trade policies pegged on "national interests" instead of particular industries.—United Press.

## 'Flu Vaccine Claim

London, Oct. 28. Soviet scientists have developed an anti-influenza vaccine which has "positive results by reducing the severity of illness and preventing complications," Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported.—China Mail Special.

## Liner Sets Record

Southampton, Oct. 28. The 81,000-ton Cunard liner Queen Mary sailed for New York today after only 24 hours in port—the quickest turnaround in her 17 years' Atlantic service.—Reuter.

# Chancellor Of Exchequer To Preside At Conference Of European Ministers

Paris, Oct. 28.

The Ministerial Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) meets here tomorrow to discuss a plan aimed at freeing all trade between its 18 member countries.

The two-day conference of Foreign and Finance Ministers from the 18 countries as well as Mr. Harold Stassen, United States Foreign Aid Administrator, and a Canadian representative, will be under the Chairmanship of Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler.

The call for a 100 per cent liberalisation of European trade comes from OEEC's economic experts, who fear that the whole structure of the West's economic unity might collapse and the hopes of eventual currency convertibility set back, unless immediate progress is made.

Britain and France, the two principal laggards in the free trade field, are expected to announce the lifting of further import restrictions to demonstrate their faith in the policy of liberalisation.

The Council will face a three-point agenda, based on reports from three different groups of experts who have all reached the same conclusion on the urgent necessity of free trade.

They are: 1. A report from the Steering Committee for Trade.

2. A report from the Managing Board of the European Payments Union on the question of convertibility.

3. A report by a group of economists on the general European economic situation.

### THE DANGER

The first document points to the danger of a retreat from their liberal policies by some European countries, such as Italy and Germany, unless Britain and France catch up with the OEEC target of 75 per cent liberalisation.

The present European average is 70 per cent, but Italy for one has threatened to turn back from her advanced position of 90 per cent unless some attempt is made to close the gap between the front and the rear.

The experts say that the wide disparities threaten the integration of OEEC and call first on the laggards to remove more of their barriers and then for a general move forward to the complete abolition of quantitative restrictions.

They propose that 100 per cent liberalisation be tried for an experimental period of six months or a year and suggest that the Council set a date when the period should start. After that time the whole situation should be reviewed again.

### REVISION ASKED

The experts, realising the difficulties certain countries would face with cheaper goods flooding across their frontiers, say exceptions should be made for those pleading shortages of foreign currency.

But they want the escape clause in the present liberalisation code to be revised to avoid its over-frequent use as has happened in the past.

The EPU managing board reports that little progress had been made towards convertibility since the Ministers last met here in March as the necessary conditions have not yet been established.

One of these conditions is United States backing of convertibility with direct or indirect cash aid but up to the

## British Women Shocked

London, Oct. 28. British farmers and housewives got together on the subject of girls in bathing suits, and both groups thought something ought to be done about them.

The Women's Institute of Newport in Shropshire wants to ban the Bikini suit girls from the papers as harmful to "younger members" of the family.

The farmers have not got anything against the Bikinis, but think it somewhat misleading to try to lure volunteers to agricultural holiday camps this way.

An organiser for the Northumberland and Durham Agricultural Workers' Union said that advertisements picturing luscious lovelies in swimsuits led people to expect a holiday rather than hard work at the camps.

It has never been Bikini among the holiday workers, a Farmers' Union regional officer said.

The leader of Newport's Women's Institute said that the group was urging a "complete ban" on all these tantalising photographs. "Some of the worst offenders are girls in Bikinis who have no idea of swimming," she said.—United Press.

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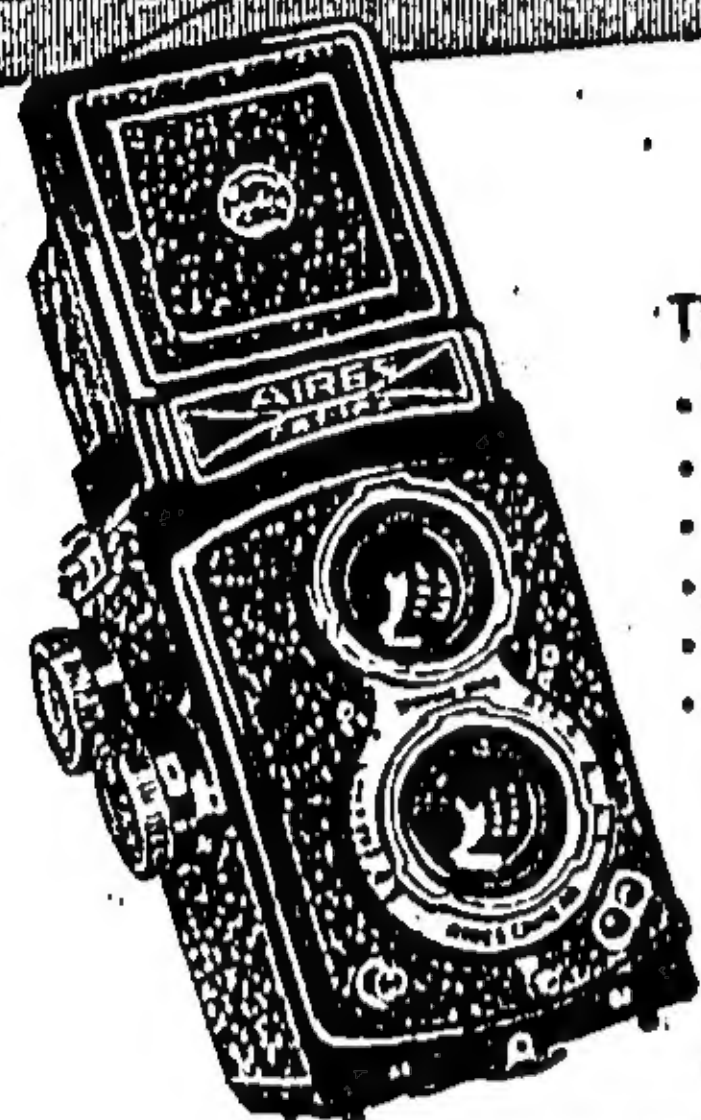


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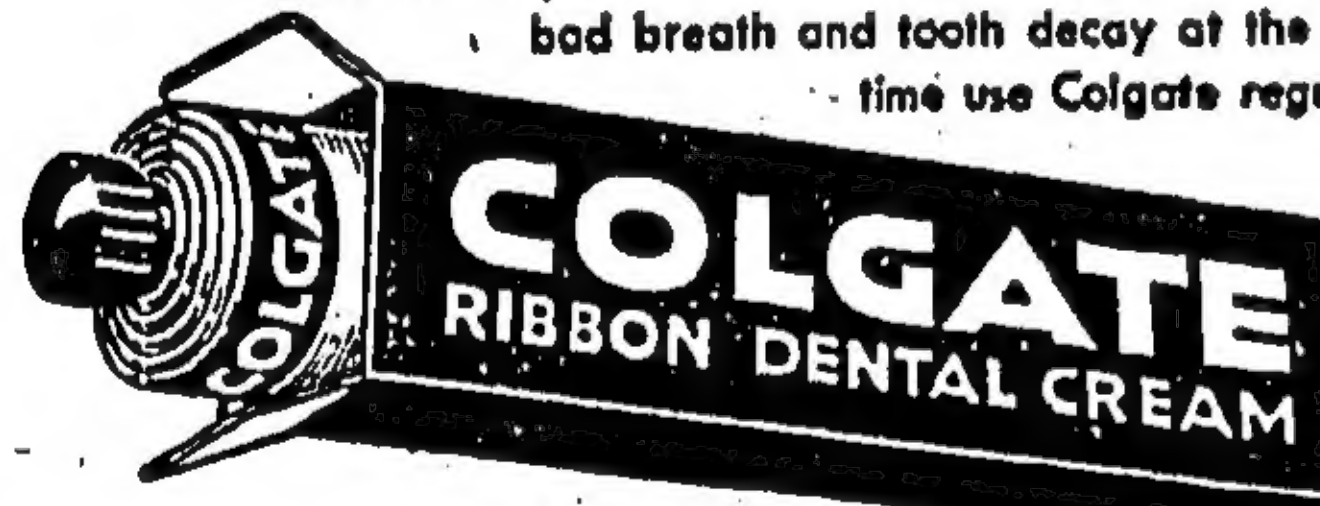
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# The Dangerous Trend Of Closed Doors

WHEN I arrived at the court-house in Foley Square here there were about 100 people outside. A cop said: "Break it up. Move on," but the crowd didn't move.

The policeman said to me: "They are waiting for Joe—it's been like this all week."

Ten minutes later "Joe"—more formally known as United States Senator Joseph McCarthy—stepped out of a taxi-cab looking fit and bronzed with West Indian sunshine.

He waved to the crowd and they let out a roar. "Hullo, Joe. Attaboy. You show 'em." They were all McCarthy well-wishers and they rushed forward to touch him as he strode into the court-house to preside over his hearings into Communism, into spying, into sabotage, into plots and conspiracies against the nation, into everything which will, and does, keep him on the front page day after day.

The crowd which greeted the senator a couple of hours later was smaller and less enthusiastic. It consisted of newspapermen, and McCarthy described what had happened inside the court-house—at least, his version.

### Closed doors

THIS has been happening almost every day. McCarthy runs his own Press service. No representative of any news agency or any newspaper is permitted inside to "cover" the hearings which are held behind closed doors.

What we get we get from McCarthy. This is hardly freedom of the Press; but it is the senator's method and it is receiving the grudging cooperation of newspaper owners and editors—for the time being.

I am glad to say there are rumblings of revolt. The Press has taken some bodyblows in this hemisphere in recent years, and some journalists are beginning to wonder if it is entirely immuring here in the U.S.

### Muzzled

THE Argentine newspapers are completely muzzled, and the great La Prensa now echoes the voice of its master, President Peron. Cuba has strict newspaper censorship. So has Bolivia. The newspapers of Brazil, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic are all shackled in one

way or another, usually the worst way.

Here the New York County Lawyers' Association is trying to tell the papers how to report crime news. Not long ago Judge Francis Valentine closed his court-room to Press and public during the Mickey Jolke case. And now McCarthy is putting up the barricades. It is a dangerous trend.

Yet McCarthy himself has never been riding higher, wider, or more handsome. Frequently accused of fraud, election law violations, and possible misuse of funds, he has just been completely cleared by Attorney-General Brownell.

### All vigour

NO wonder the senator is all vigour and jutting-jaw determination. The tide flows his way and he is being smart enough to be more moderate and restrained.

I am sometimes told that I write about McCarthy too much. If I am to write about the United States, then I must write about McCarthy—he is hardly ever out of the headlines.

My friends in Washington tell me that McCarthy and his ally, Senator Jenner, have received almost 200,000 letters in the past month—which is more mail than is being delivered at the White House.

I am rather surprised that the two senators have not turned their attention to the national economy—to wages and prices—the problems which are worrying President Eisenhower in his tour of the Middle West and the Southwest.

### Buoyant

IT was in October, 24 years ago, that the great crash came. Panic hit the stock market on October 24, 1929, and although there was a brief rally, the Street bankers shoring up the shares, the bottom fell out on Black Tuesday, October 28, and in four short days the face of America was changed and the boom was dead.

Several people are asking "Could it happen again? Could disaster strike so swiftly and remorselessly—in Wall-Street today?"

The best evidence says not. At the moment the stock market is buoyant and strong (there was a bad period last month when stocks reached their lowest point of the year, but that now seems remote).

I think it unlikely that there could be a cataclysmic crash like that of 1929. There is a whole series of regulatory devices curbing reckless speculation, and the public itself has largely turned thumbs down on the stock market and put its money into savings banks and properly.

Even so, I am surprised that Senator McCarthy has kept strictly off the subject of dollars and cents. Now that his own finances are declared to be beyond reproach, perhaps he will have a few thousand words to say on how to maintain perpetual prosperity and put a new car in every garage.

It has been utterly unlike autumn during the past few weeks. The weather has been perfect—it is June in October. Every day the sky is bright blue and the city basks in warm sunshine.

Women are going around alluringly bare-backed and men are still wearing tropical suits and Palm Beach jackets.

### Dizzy spells

GREER-Garson, whom I have known for several years, is back in New York. Greer will stay here two weeks and then go to England, Scotland, and Ireland to talk to university and college students on the filming of Shakespeare's plays.

Greer is an M. A. She plays Caesar's wife in her latest film, which probably has something to do with the subject of her British talking tour.

Huddersfield-born James Mason has been having dizzy spells and has not been able to appear at the studio for "A Star is Born." Judy Garland, much thinner and much prettier after strict dieting, is working like the juvenile she used to be.

If the remake is as good as the original, "A Star is Born" will satisfy me.

Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn will co-star on Broadway next spring.

### A delight

A NEW play, "The Tea-house of the August Moon"—what a cumbersome title has just opened, and it is a delight. John Patrick wrote it and—Maurice Evans, who used to adorn the London stage, produced.

I have been going through some letters Nigel Bruce, who died the other week, wrote to me over the years. It was his ambition to retire in England. A fine man.

# PAKISTANI HOPES OF A MIDDLE EAST CONCERT

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

London. INDIA'S embarrassment in Korea, and her seeming incapacity to discharge neutral functions effectively, is being noted by Pakistan with something like relish.

For, as Pakistan faces difficult decisions about her future constitutional relationship with the Crown and Commonwealth, resentments arise. These are centred upon India's claim to be a Great Power and Pandit Nehru's claim to play a leading role in world affairs. Above all, there is a sense that those claims have been helped forward by Britain without regard for Pakistani feelings.

The present embarrassment of the Indian Government recalls to Pakistanis the over-weening pride as it seemed in Karachi, with which India first concluded a friendship treaty with the Afghans, who were harrying and looting the Northwest Frontier. Next, it is recalled how Pandit Nehru made his views known and, so to say, felt, in Karachi about

the prospect that Pakistan might join a projected Middle East Defence Organisation.

That, if such an invitation had ever been given, would have gladdened the hearts of successive Muslim League governments which do not proclaim pacifism and neutrality with quite the Bloomsbury fervour noticeable in New Delhi.

On the contrary, the present Pakistani Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Ali, and many others would heartily welcome both an honourable accommodation between Britain and Egypt, and an agreement on general Middle East defence in which Pakistan could join.

Britain's ideas, more than two years old, that Egypt, the other Arab States and Turkey might join with France, the United States and Britain in forming a regional security pact, have remained in image. Egypt has been the problem. For, lacking an accommodation in the Canal Zone, any such accord would confront great practical difficulties.

As an alternative, then, another suggestion is being aired: Turkey is the promoter. It is put forward that the former Sanadbad Treaty of Peace, which was a treaty of consultation and non-aggression, should be revived and improved. It died Turkey, Iraq, Persia and Afghanistan.

The Turkish Government have now proposed in Tehran and Baghdad that a mutual aid treaty could be concluded. The difficulty this time lies in Persia. General Zia's power is by no means established; indeed it is surprising that in foreign relations he has already been so bold. But he has said in public that he would protect the northern provinces. And this is more than Premier Mossadegh was ready to admit might even be necessary.

But Turkey has also approached Pakistan in a tentative fashion and Pakistani Ministers, who have been visiting Cairo, have been visiting Ankara also. Until Persia's position can be more clearly appraised there is, of course, little practical that can be arranged.

Yet the renewed possibility that Pakistan would be invited

into a Middle East agreement is gratifying to Karachi, and all the more so since it would offend New Delhi.

For when the Middle East Defence Organisation was under active discussion, Pandit Nehru's views were emphatic. He argued that MEDO would be a talisman to NATO. Therefore it would lead sooner or later to the creation of United States bases in Pakistan. This would compromise Indian neutrality.

But in Karachi the glamour of neutralism and pacifism as preached by the Indian Government and Army are starting to wear a tarnished look. There is more than a suppressed hope that at the end of the day it will be found that Pakistan's interests were the right ones to place her hope in the NATO and Commonwealth system rather than in a combination devoted to pacifism except in relation to Kashmir.

If that hope can be fostered, and if Pakistan can, with British sympathy, be drawn into a re-organising Middle Eastern concert, it would much assist the present Prime Minister's general policy to postpone indefinitely the translation of constitutional aspirations into a republican form.



Prime Ministers need their glory too.

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# THE TROUT THAT WAS A PARTY MEMBER

By Fred Manor

UNEASINESS exists in NATO circles over Soviet developments in the Arctic. Yet, at first sight, the Arctic iron curtain is as peaceful as the Sleeping Beauty's castle.

There is no barbed wire here, no visible gun emplacements, no dugout trenches. People even fish in the Pasvik River, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, where the river's deepest points form the frontier between Norway and the Soviet Union.

At one spot, some 100 yards from the river and 125 yards from Russia, a delightful cottage stands solitary in the woods. It is almost like an illustration from some fairy tale. As I entered it, a blond baby was crawling on the floor, and a man was ham-

mering at some kitchen shelves.

A pistol, carelessly hung on the hall, cast the only sinister note upon this idyllic domestic scene. But the pistol was a mere symbol—like the invisible iron curtain running along the cottage's backyard.

The man hammering at the shelves was one of the Norwegian border police, who patrol the 120-mile-long Norwegian-Soviet boundary. He told me he felt as if he were patrolling the edge of a vast desert.

Nothing ever stirs on the opposite (Russian) bank of the river. It is the kind of peace, over there, that is such an unmistakable hall-mark of the Communist regime: the peace of a cemetery.

### Over In Russia

"Nothing ever happens here," smiled the border guard contentedly. "No thefts. No traffic accidents. No drunks. And certainly no smuggling or frontier incidents."

The pistol? For use against a rabid dog, perhaps—or a weasel—or a wounded reindeer.

We walked from the cottage towards the river. A man was fishing there, a comrade of the border guard. The man cast his line wide.

"Over in Russia again," the border guard rebuked him.

A trout bit almost immediately, and the fisherman landed a nice fish, covered with red spots.

"A Party member," he declared.

The trout continued to bite. It was more a slaughter than a sport. This was only natural. No line is ever cast on the Soviet side of the river. No Soviet guard emulates his Norwegian opposite number and comes to relax over a few hours' fishing in that pleasant stream, which is less than 25 yards wide here.

Seemingly, even the Soviet police are not trusted to approach so close to the frontier when off duty.

In the 18 months of his tour of duty in this area, the Norwegian border policeman of my acquaintance had never exchanged a single word with a Russian. Once or twice a week the Norwegian patrol may catch a glimpse of a Soviet patrol on the other side of the river. The Norwegians raise their hands in

greeting. The Russians answer with similar gestures. Not a word is uttered. In winter only a few yards of thick ice may separate the two patrols, but so far as the Norwegians are concerned, it might be Martians who are moving along the opposite bank.

### Once Prosperous

A little upstream is a farm that grows the northernmost tomatoes in Europe. Here, 80 miles inland from the Arctic Ocean, Isaac Isaacson carefully prods along his precious plants, grown in an ingenious hothouse.

Mr Isaacson told me about the changes which have occurred here since the iron curtain was rung down on the river in 1945. Until then, what is now Russia had been Finland. And the Finnish bank had been dotted with as many prosperous farms as the Norwegian side. At that time nobody paid much attention to international frontiers. It was one happy family, a gay and prosperous district. In those days Mr Isaacson had known the opposite shore as he knows his own farmyard.

But it all changed in 1945. The iron curtain not only removed the Finnish friends, but it also brought unemployment and misery to the Norwegian side. During all these past years the farmer has never seen a single civilian on the Soviet bank, now forever desolate and deserted.

Looking at a new Soviet town on the bank beyond the river, and at a busy highway connecting the town with the hinterland of Russia, I asked the border guards: "Surely, if somebody wished to cross the frontier, he could do it fairly easily?"

### Sometimes Worry

Thick woods slope towards the Russian bank. The river is not very deep, and none too wide. Moreover, during the winter it is frozen thick, and the entire landscape is enveloped in darkness for eighteen hours out of the twenty-four.

And yet nobody ever comes across.

One explanation is that the Russians have erected an electrified fence running between the town and the river bank. But no precautions, however thorough, could keep a determined refugee from crossing this border.

And so the alternative explanation is that the 10,000 new Soviet immigrants, brought into the tundra, have no real desire to leave their country. In other words, that the Arctic is being populated by selected, hardened Communists.

This may be one reason why Mr Isaacson, and NATO, sometimes worry.



## Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

THE public, I am happy to report, is waking from its long sleep. Some days ago I wrote of the outbreak of irreverent laughter which greeted the appearance on the screen of one of Hollywood's chunks of "glamour."

I see that even Ma Hayworth is now being laughed at—and, mark you, in three-dimensional colour and stereophonic sound.

Cram me with real What will the publicity men do if the synthetic charms are all greeted with howls of derisive laughter? Why not employ a cheer-leader in every film theatre? He would stand among the audience and regulate laughter, applause, and tears. Anyone laughing in the wrong place would be chuckled at—and no money back.

## Cheery good nature

EVERY time complaints about the bad manners of public persons surge up there is always a good-natured person to write some such letter as this to a paper.

Cannot open with reader Mrs. Gulp. Yesterday, on the 13th from Waterloo to Slough, I complained of dead flies in my soup. The cheerful waiter at once put his disengaged hand into the plate and withdrew twelve of them with a smile. Courteously wiping his hand

on the tablecloth and throwing the flies on to the nearest unoccupied table, he said, "Accidents will happen. You'll find your soup all right now, I hope, sir."

## A Ministry of Litter

YET another letter on this appalling subject points out that the wrapping up of food is adding to the perils of litter. Could not a small bin be given away with every article of food? The wrappings put into this portable bin could then be transferred to a big dustbin at home, and the bin forwarded to a regional litter-depot, where it would be disintegrated and sent to the local mobile refuse station, whence it would be conveyed to a district refuse dump, to be collected by the firm for re-use.

If there is to be a Ministry of Litter, may I put forward the name of C. Suet Ew, for Minister of Litter?

## For your anthology

A face stamped in the mud of the mind. Avoided from some wild bow of thought. Fades less quickly than this more substantial face set in a framework of reality.

Is that why the festive soul Curries no anchor. When it goes forth on oceans of dreamlight? (Rushdell Killick.)

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Shows Ingenuity In Losing Game

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 3		♠ 10 9 8	
♥ K 7 6 5		♥ J 10 9 8 2	
♦ K 7 5 4 3		♦ 9 8 5	
♣ K 7		♣ 10 7 3	
		♣ 6 2	
SOUTH (D)		WEST	
♠ A 9 8 4		♠ 10 4	
♥ A 7 5		♥ 9 8 5	
♦ A K 7 6 2		♦ 10 9 8	
♣ A		♣ 6 2	

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE must be about two dozen ways to make three no-trump in today's hand. In my opinion, South displayed great ingenuity in finding one of the few ways to lose his game contract.

West opened the jack of clubs, and South won with the ace. He entered dummy with the king of hearts and cashed the top clubs, discarding low spades from his hand.

When East discarded the deuce of spades on the third round of clubs, South became obsessed with the notion that East was discarding from strength. He therefore switched to spades, finessing the queen from his own hand.

West won with the king of spades and returned the suit, and South won with the ace of spades. South continued with the two top diamonds and a low diamond, allowing East to win with the ten.

East promptly cashed two good spades, and South found himself hard put to it for discards. By this time, of course, it was too late for anything but a coroner's jury. South's last two cards were the ace and jack of hearts, but West likewise saved two hearts and won the setting trick with his queen of hearts.

South complained about "unfortunate guesses and pointed out that all of the finesses had failed. This was a case of a poor excuse being better than none, since it was simple to assure the contract against any defence.

South began correctly by taking the ace of clubs, leading to the king of hearts, and cashing the top clubs. After doing all of this, declarer should have continued with a low club. West could win this trick, of course, but would then have to return to a different suit. Any return at all would give declarer a free finesse making him a present of the ninth trick.

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## A Career Woman's Recipes

"MY mother always told me that in order to learn to cook, I must stay in the kitchen long enough to do it. I never do, so the art of cooking is more or less a mystery to me. However, my mother and my mother-in-law were excellent cooks and I could give you some of their recipes."

This was Mrs. Clark M. Elcheberger speaking, guest home-maker for today. But with her many activities, you really wonder how she even finds time to eat! For she has been a speaker and discussion leader on international affairs for many years, and to top this off is a writer specialising in articles and books for children.

Mrs. Elcheberger suggested today's "tried and true menu," adding that the meal is like the one her husband's mother used to make.

Jellied Consomme  
Preserved Veal Loaf  
Green Peas  
Cauliflower with Grated Cheese  
Tomato Salad a la Marocaine  
Queen of Puddings  
Choice of Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four to Six

Order a 5-lb. knuckle of veal carved through the bone. Place in a large saucepan. Add 1

they salt and 1/2 tsp. mixed pickle, spice. Cover and bring to a rapid boil. Simmer until fork-tender. Drain, cool, cut off the meat, and chop fine.

Meantime, boil down the liquid to 1 cupful. Add the juice 1/2 lemon and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Mix with the veal. Rinse a loaf pan with cold water. Pack in the veal. Refrigerate at least 6 hrs., or until firm enough to unmould and slice.

Tomato Salad a la Marocaine  
Cut out the core from 1 medium-sized fully ripe tomato for each person. Fill with vinegar, chili 3 hrs.

Meantime, hard-cook and shell 1 egg for each tomato. Mash the yolks, mix with prepared mustard, salt and pepper to taste. Arrange on lettuce. Thin-slice the hard-cooked egg whites, place on top of and around the tomatoes. As a final touch, garnish with mayonnaise.

Cauliflower Au Fromage  
From The Chef  
Cauliflower with grated Wisconsin Cheddar cheese. Is Madame Elcheberger suggests in her menu, can be prepared in two ways: Heap sections of cooked cauliflower on toast and top with cheese sauce or boil the cauliflower (natural small sections) of cauliflower, arrange in a well-buttered or margarine-plated plate, cover thickly with grated Cheddar cheese, and broil until the cheese melts.

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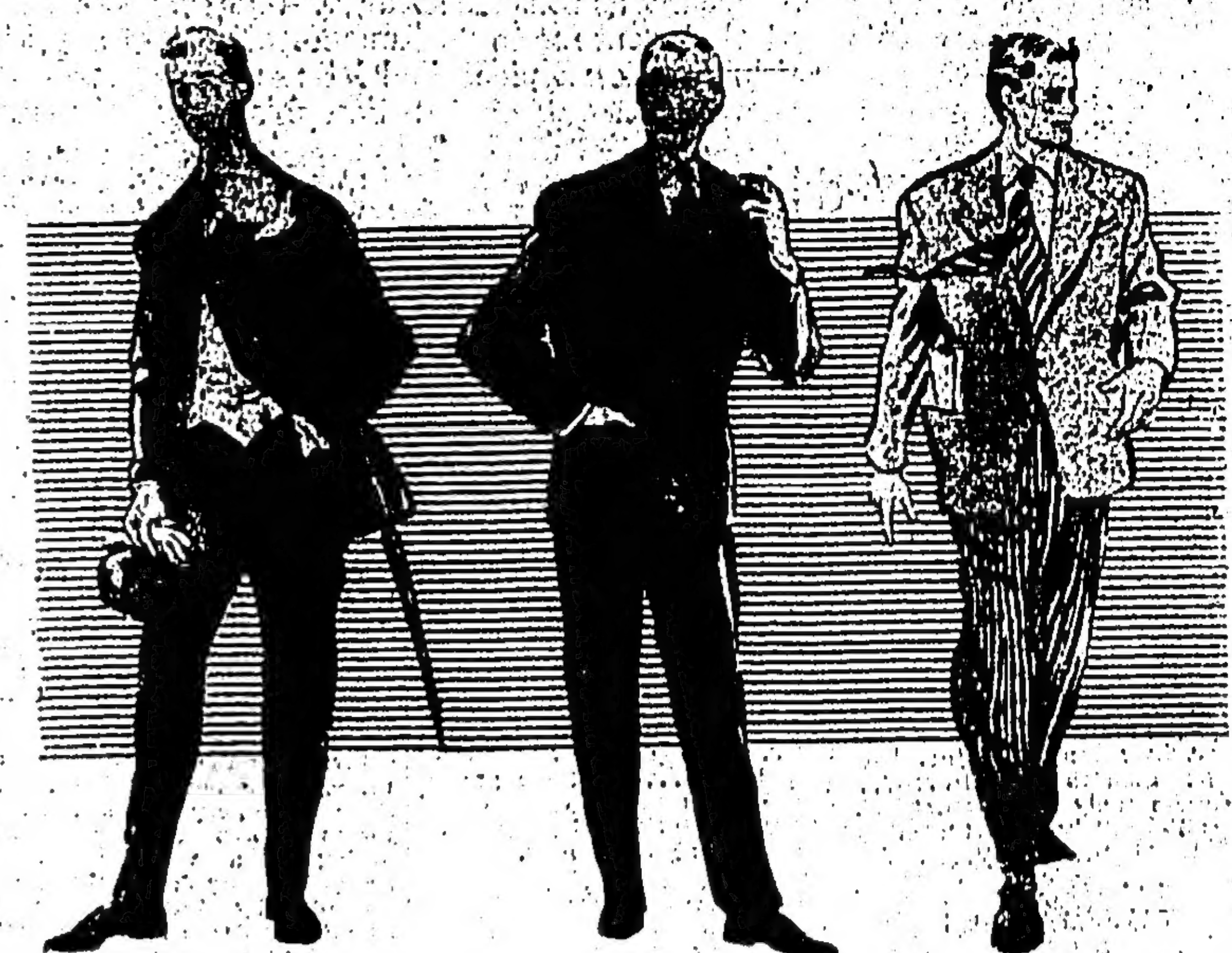
The all-metal stand is placed by the road some distance behind your stranded car. An arrow, which may be turned in any direction, directs oncoming traffic away from the car.

Household Hints  
Salt water and sand are hard on zippers in play clothes or swimsuits. If zippers begin to stick, apply a little paste wax, then slide them up and down several times to work the wax into the grooves.

The dirty pots and pans left from cooking a big dinner won't be such a chore to clean if you fill them with warm suds as soon as food is taken from them, and let them soak through dinner.

Chess Problem  
By V. SCHNEIDER  
Black, 9 pieces.

White, 10 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. P-B3, any; 2. Q-R, B-Kt, or P-B4 on mates.

WOMANSENSE  
LADY, WILL YOU PICK YOUR ESCORT?By Anne Scott-James  
THE CHOICE: dandy... discreet... intellectual

FROM time immemorial, there have been two sorts of escort to take you around.

Generations of girls could take their pick from the "bloodes" and the "intellectuals", they could choose between sporting young men with "dapper" suits and money in their pockets and studious young men with tweedy clothes and a lot to say.

But now a girl's choice is wider. Men's manners are changing; so are their fashions.

The post-war air bubbles with more news and variety in men's clothes and behaviour than in any decade since the Regency bucks. New masculine styles fly in, catch on, become vulgarized, and fly out as fast as they do in the world of women.

There are at least three types of "turn-out" your "escort" may favour, with variations on each.

THE DANDY — Is he your fancy? He wears clothes of marvellous cut and fit, gay in colour with elegant accessories. He sports a fancy waistcoat and he is never without a flower. His suits are Edwardian, but not so strongly Edwardian as they were before the spivs and wide boys

took the fashion over and did it in. In his favour: He'll take you to the best places and the first nights. He'll order good food and wine and do everything correctly. He'll talk amusingly on the most current topics.

Against him: He's so pleased with his own appearance, he won't care twopence how you look. When he buys his own flower, he'll forget you like one too. At the theatre, he'll take the better seat, and you'll probably see yourself home.

THE DISCREET — Perhaps you'd do better with him? He wears nothing excessive, one way or the other. He's neat and decent without being dashing. He wears a bespoke suit of prosperous cloth, with no fancy nonsense; immaculate shirts and shoes.

In his favour: He'll be punctual to the minute, he'll fetch you and deliver you home. You'll see a good sound play and have a good sound dinner and he'll be a good sound dancer.

Against him: He may look unsophisticated, but is in fact the most sophisticated of the three. He'll think less about cutting a dash than about seeing you, enjoy yourself. He'll say what he thinks, not what he thinks is smart.

Against him: He'll forget to book a table, he can never find a taxi, and you'll sit in terrible seats watching an Italian movie. He may even get the date wrong and not turn-up at all.

I've tried to sound detached, but I expect you can spot my choice of escort from this summary. Which is yours? (London Express Service)



## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

BORN today, you men are so solidly reserved and dignified that you might borrow a little more of the "devil-may-care" attitude rightfully belonging to your birth sign. You are inclined to take life just a little too seriously. The reformer in you has driven out the adventurer and the result could turn out to be just a little "stuffy" if you don't watch out. Bring out that sense of "derring-do" with which you were born and give it an airing now and then.

Possibly restrictions in childhood will have something to do with your serious attitude toward life. While very young, you will have enough mischief to make you a target for parental discipline. But

don't let all of the fun-loving attitude toward life be knocked out of you or you will regret it later on in life.

Strangely enough, for one of your determination you are much too inclined to get settled into routine and stay with it until you become so used to it that you just don't have the interest, anywhere, to break away. But if you do get out on your own, you can sometimes get a little too concerned with the serious side of life. If you loved you and take a family, you will be happy and contented—and keep young, yourself.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birth day star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart 1 Spade Pass 7 You, South, hold: Spades K-J-4, Hearts K-Q-8-5, Diamonds 7-3, Clubs Q-8-2. What do you do?

A—Bid one no-trump. This re-opening bid shows strength in the opponents' suit, balanced distribution, and a count of about 9 to 11 points. Your partner should be able to judge very easily whether or not the combined hands should produce a game.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-4, Hearts K-Q-8-5, Diamonds Q-3, Clubs K-8-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

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# SOLDIERS' GOAL RIOT SWAMPS SAINTS AT SOOKUNPOO

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Early yesterday afternoon I was undecided about the game I should watch. I tossed a coin and that sent me to Sookunpoo. By the interval I was convinced that my faithful 50 cent piece had let me down, for the first half of this game between the Army and St. Joseph's was a very drab affair indeed.

As the players trooped into the clubhouse I glanced at my notebook. It was almost bare. The only points I had found worthy of note were a brilliant shot by Pereira which was equally brilliantly saved on the ground by Granger... and an opportunistic goal by Nash in the 30th minute. So at lemon time it was Army 1, St. Joseph's 0.

The Army returned to the field, as is their custom, in a fresh strip... but as far as some of the players were concerned this must have been mere ritual... for I am certain that some of the pre-interval shifts were unstained by sweat.

I sat back ready to yawn as unobtrusively as possible... and then it happened. The pipes of the fan performed no greater miracle than the referee's whistle that re-started the game. The Army team, previously so listless, sprang into action in a way that just had to be seen to be believed... and the only regret that St. Joseph's will have is that they saw it all too closely... if not too clearly.

## TAKING NOTICE

Suddenly I was sitting up and taking notice. This was the Army team I saw against the RAF some weeks ago. All the earlier carelessness was gone. Now they played beautiful on-the-ground football. The forwards became capable of mapping up the slightest chance... and quite honestly for a long part of this half St. Joseph's existed only as a means of getting the ball in motion again once it had been snuffed into their net.

If I got nothing to write about before the interval... now my pen was working overtime... and it was a pleasure for I was watching some of the finest goals that I have ever had the privilege of recording for a long time. During this spell the Army was beaten on seven occasions but he, and he alone, kept the score from reaching fantastic proportions. However, I want to tell you about three of the goals for they were classics of their kind.

Two minutes after the re-start the ball was intercepted on the St. Joseph's right wing. Longland glided it forward... and was lifted over Castillo's head and down the centre where Bennett had moved into a clear position. As the ball came down over his shoulder he brought it under control with his right foot and almost in the same motion cracked an uncatchable shot into the far corner of the net with his left foot... it was a beautiful goal that might well have stepped out of a text book.

## REAL CRACKER

After this goal came thick and fast and among them was a real cracker from Reeves. The blonde inside-right had a grand game and showed that his selection for Combined Services was well merited.

He had worked the ball along the line with Nash and eventually it came back to him in the air about 10 yards out... but with his back to the goal. As the ball dropped he swerved as though about to turn and push the ball to the left wing with his left foot... but suddenly at the last second he pivoted on his heel... turned right round the opposite way and crashed in a terrific drive into the net.

I don't know when last a goal thrilled me quite as much as this one... I had an excellent view of the whole build-up and I was certain in my own mind that the ball must go the other way.

Finally I want to describe the last goal which showed the goal-hungry forwards in a different role. Nash on the right beat Schultz and slipped the ball across, and it was moved on to Chase on the left. He beat Rocha, Mooney, and then Rocha again.

Looking up, he waved the centre forward to the far post, then proceeded to place the ball almost on the partition. In Bennett's hair, and as he was fetching it out of the net for the eighth and last time... but only because the final whistle called a halt to the debacle.

I felt sorry for St. Joseph's. They had done really well in the first half and with a little luck they might easily have taken on level terms, but after the interval they were simply overwhelmed. I have no doubt that the Army managers, staff or fans, or the players, during the interval, felt it was an exciting affair and it was hard to realize that it was the same eleven that came out again in the next shirt.

There is an ex-Army goal-keeper, but there was no mention of him in the programme for the

## LOOKED CAPABLE

Up to the interval the Green and White forward line looked capable of doing something... afterwards they were seldom seen. Xavier and Pereira on the wings were fast and clever.

Benny Omar showed his characteristic touches of craft and scored a fine goal... but when he is in the inside berth he must forage for the ball... standing around waiting for it is useless.

Ritchie worked hard but never struck his game and Hahn showed clearly that he is not a centre-forward... what a difference he would have made to the half-back line.

Granger was safe and sure in the Army goal. He got a nasty jolt when kicked on the face by one of his own players as he dived on the ball... but pluckily carried on.

Casey intercepted and kicked well and Frasier who was deputising for Wells at left back, showed that he is ready for first team duty whenever required.

Longland played a fine forcing game in the half-back line but McLean was not as steady as usual, and Stevens had a very poor game... far too often he was caught out of position, and against a faster set of opponents his side might have paid dearly for his wanderings.

There are two stories of the forwards. Before the interval they were a wispy-wispy lot... but after the turnabout they could do nothing wrong.

All of them played well during the second half and Bennett chalked up a hat-trick. Reeves and Wingfield got two goals apiece... and Nash got the opening counter before the interval.

The odd man out was Chase on the left wing. He failed to get his name on the list of scorers but he provided many chances for his mates. His inch-perfect crosses were always a worry to the St. Joseph's defence.

The official in charge of this game did his job quickly and efficiently. Two indirect free-kicks were awarded—one to each team—and this time no one was 'confused' or 'puzzled'... in fact the defenders showed a lot of intelligence in the positions they took up.

VERDICT: A football match consists of two halves... in this case St. Joseph's stopped half way... just when the Army started. I was again impressed with the neatness of this Army side... they must be just about the best turned out team in the league. Oh... and incidentally... on this occasion the Police OUTNUMBERED the spectators...!!!

## THE TEAMS

St. Joseph's: Farr; Rocha, Schultz; Mooney, Castillo, Bux; Xavier, Ritchie, Hahn, Omar, Pereira.

Army: Granger; Casey, Wells; Stevens, McLean, Longland; Nash, Reeves, Bennett, Wingfield, Chase.

## SANDEYRON TO DEFEND TITLE

Paris, Oct. 29. Maurice Sandeyron will defend his French basketball title today against Robert Cohen at the Palais des Sports here on November 6. He was announced today—Chine Mail Special.

## LRC PRIZE-GIVING

The Ladies' Recreation Club rounded off a most successful season's tennis tournament yesterday with a presentation of prizes followed by an enjoyable cocktail party in the Club grounds.

Preceding the presentation of prizes, the final of the Inter-Hong Handicap Men's Doubles match was played, resulting in a win for Messrs Harry Wicking & Co., Ltd., represented by Messrs H. Owen Hughes and G. N. Gosano, over The Royal Intercolon Lines, represented by Messrs J. Halesbos and Lam Yuk Ying, by the score of 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Mrs D. L. Prophet, in her opening speech, expressed her appreciation and that of the Club for the kind acceptance by Mrs M. W. Turner of the invitation to present the prizes to the successful contestants.

Continuing, Mrs Prophet said that this was the seventh annual tournament sponsored by the L. R. C. since the war, and that the success attained this year was due to the excellent and unstinted work done by the Tournament Committee comprising Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Scholes, Mrs Rawlings and Mrs Kite.

The duties entailed in the arrangement of the tournament could not be considered an 'armchair office' and to these ladies the Club owed much.

The Tournament Committee, Mrs Prophet added, had requested her to express, on their behalf, their thanks to all those who had lent such support in the organisation and the carrying out of duties pertaining to the smooth running of the tournaments.

To the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Maynard, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs MacPhoe, for their help and advice, and to Messrs Rawlings and Kite, who shared the difficult task of the preparation of schedules, Press releases, cards of courts and its allocation for the various matches, as well as re-arrangement of games due to inclement weather, a special vote of thanks was due.

Mrs Prophet went on to say that the Club was deeply honoured by Mrs Tao coming all the way from Taipei to participate in these competitions and to express her appreciation to the Club for the opportunity.

Before concluding, Mrs Prophet caused some merriment when she stated that the various matches and G. N. Gosano of Harry Wicking & Co. continued to resist the efforts of the ladies to dislodge their firm grip on the Inter-Hong trophy, which has been won by them for the last three years.

After the presentation, Mrs Turner presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers by Miss Claudia Caldeira.

The following are the prize-winners: Ladies' Singles—Winner, Mrs Tao; runner-up, Mrs Owen Hughes. Ladies' Doubles—Winners, Mrs Tao & Mrs Owen Hughes; runner-up, Mrs Owen Hughes & G. N. Gosano. Mixed Doubles—Winners, Mrs Owen Hughes & G. N. Gosano; runner-up, Mrs Owen Hughes & G. N. Gosano. Mixed Doubles—Winners, Mrs Owen Hughes & G. N. Gosano; runner-up, Mrs Owen Hughes & G. N. Gosano.

## FOXHUNTER OFF TO AMERICA



Foxhunter, champion Olympic jumper, and his owner, Col. Harry Llewellyn, who is holding a lucky horseshoe sent by an admirer, at London Airport before boarding a New York bound airliner. With them is Miss Pat Smythe, the 24-year-old show jumping rider.

As Foxhunter, who is 68 inches tall, entered the plane's freight door he banged his head. The door is 67 inches high. Foxhunter received a nasty bang which might have proved dangerous but luckily his head was protected by a leather headpiece.

Foxhunter will compete in show jumping in Canada and the United States. —Express Photo.

## RAF Forward Line Holds On To Two Points Going Eastern's Way

By "SPIV"

Royal Air Force have to thank Dalziel and their forward line for salvaging two points going Eastern's way in their First Division match yesterday at the Club ground.

Three costly errors by the defence enabled Eastern's centre-forward Lee Hung-kee to complete a hat-trick in the first half and give Eastern a 3-2 lead at the interval.

Speakeading a punching forward line, Dalziel equalled his team's feat by notching his third goal in the 15th minute of the second half and putting his side on equal terms at 3-3.

The ensuing thrills culminated in the 30th minute of the half when Dalziel crowned his heroic afternoon's feat with a brilliant piece of timing, ball-control and opportunism by scoring the winning goal for the airman.

## ONLY A SHADE

Short of many of their last year's stars, Eastern were only a shade of the team that won the Challenge Shield last season. The defence stood well under pressure in the first half but wilted for lack of stamina as the game progressed.

Former volleyball star Yung Pui-cho did comparatively well in his opening appearance as a soccer goalkeeper and effected a number of good saves, but was a little weak in dealing with the through-run of his opponents.

The Eastern forwards were at a distinct disadvantage in the high press, and met with much adverse attacks when they kept the ball along the ground.

Lack of smoothness in their approach work and inaccurate ball-control, however, rendered them easy prey for the defence. The defence stood well under pressure in the first half but wilted for lack of stamina as the game progressed.

Though Dalziel was the outstanding man in the RAF attack, the whole forward line caught the eye with their well-organized long swinging passes, and their superiority in the air. Better feeding passes by the wing-halves could have made the forward line even more effective.

Barnicle played a grand captain's game at left-back, although on a couple of occasions his loud 'right' was a little misleading. He was yards away from the ball when it was

left alone by one of his own men.

Right-half Jones, who later played at centre-half, was also prominent in the defence and was repeatedly responsible for stopping the through-runs.

It was a deserving win for the RAF, who on the whole played the bright brand of soccer that they always have. They may lose a number of matches this season, but will always be a team worth watching.

A mistake by Eastern centre-half Fong Sai-chow to a short pass in the goal area enabled the ever-ready Dalziel to break in and crash the ball into the net.

Almost immediately after the kick-off, goalkeeper Yung Pui-cho could not reach up sufficiently to a high centre from left-wing Morgan.

The ball glanced off his hands, struck the cross-bar and rebounded in front of the goalmouth. Dalziel raced in and headed the ball into the empty goalmouth to put the RAF up by 2-1.

The lead, however, was only short-lived. A forward low pass saw goalkeeper Reynolds well-up to the ball, catching it on the half-volley. He received a rude shock, however, when it was knocked out of his hands by Eastern's Fong Kwok-yuen as he was bringing it in the forward swing. Lee Hung-

kee followed up and crashed the ball into the empty goalmouth.

Eastern regained the lead just before the interval. Left-half O'Brien mistimed the bounce of a free-kick against him and left it to his centre-half, who however hesitated. Lee Hung-kee flashed in, taking the ball in his stride, and put it past the goalkeeper with a hard low cross drive.

As Eastern began to show signs of tiring in the second half, the airman stepped up their offensive and succeeded in scoring the equaliser in the 16th minute.

A forward clearance to centre-forward Loder was tapped back to Gilbey, who immediately sent in a half-volley into the goal area.

Dalziel raced in, flicked the ball sideways out of the reach of the advancing goalie and succeeded in tapping it into the net as it was rolling towards the goal line.

The winning goal for the Airman came rather unexpectedly just five minutes before the end of the match. Play was concentrated about midfield near the right touchline. Inside—right, Stokes came out of the scramble in possession of the ball and sent in a long shoulder-high cross.

As spectators followed the ball, they saw Dalziel waiting calmly for it at the near end of the goalmouth and, confidently, heading his time, heading it into the heart of the net.

## THE TEAMS

RAF: Reynolds; Greig, Barnicle; Jones, Martin, O'Brien; Dalziel, Stokes, Loder, Gilbey, Morgan.

Eastern: Yung Pui-cho; Lee Ping-nam, Ng Wai-mun; Lo Tin-kee, Fong Sai-chow, Lo Wai-kuen, Tso Kam-ho, Fong Kwok-yuen, Leo Hung-kee, Chan Hing-chuen, Chan Hon.

## THE LATE TOM REECE

# He Made A Billiards Break Of Nearly Half A Million

By BRUCE HARRIS

Tom Reece, the man who made a billiards break, unfinished after five weeks, of nearly half a million—499,135—died on October 16. He was 80 years of age, and death followed a stroke which befell him in his bungalow at Lancing, Sussex, while he was watching television.

As lately as a month ago he attended a race meeting at Lingfield. He was an ardent race-goer.

Joe Davis, outstanding now-days at billiards and snooker, told me that "Reece" was highly strung, often "beat himself" by his temperament.

"His great rival, Melbourne Inman, who died in 1951, usually beat him for this reason. He played Reece myself into his career and he certainly showed me a few things."

"That enormous break of his—back in 1907—was accomplished by the snooker cannon with two balls so locked in the angle of the pocket that gradually they used to make their way into grooves in the cloth."

"The stroke now is barred. I myself could go on with it indefinitely if it were worth while."

## BACK CHAT

The "back chat" which swarmed Reece's matches with Inman has become billiards history. Here are samples: "Good shot," said Inman to Reece. "That," commented Reece, "is the first time in 40 years you've said that to me." Inman retorted: "And it's the first time in 40 years you've deserved it."

Once Reece, using the anchor stroke, kept Inman idle for five sessions. "You ought to pay to come in," said Reece. But Inman won.

During the last war Reece went to look at bomb-damaged Thurston's. "Has Inman been playing here this week?" he asked.

He had no high opinion of the modern craze for snooker. —(London Express Service)

## GAY TIME SOLD FOR EXPORT

London, Oct. 28.

The British four-year-old racehorse, Gay Time, who ran this year in Queen Elizabeth's colours, has been sold for export to the Far East, possibly Japan, it was learned here today.

Gay Time was bought by the National Stud last year for £50,000 after finishing second to Tulay in the Derby at Epsom and the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

This year, Gay Time has run five times, winning once at Newmarket in April in a race which carried just over £1,000 prize money.

On his last appearance, at Ascot in June, he finished a poor third of four runners to Guernsey in the Hardwicke Stakes.

Gay Time first ran in the Queen's colours at Goodwood in August last year when he won the Clarendon Stakes of £254. He was previously owned by Mr J.V. Rank.

The National Stud Director, Mr Peter Burrell, said tonight that confirmation of the sale should be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and this should be available this week. —France-Press.

## Inter-School Badminton

The following are the results of Junior Division Inter-School Badminton League matches played yesterday evening:

La Salle College beat Clement Middle School 3-2.

St Stephen's College beat Queen's College 3-0.

Schedule for this and next week's matches is as follows:

SENIORS  
Final Round

October 30—Queen's v Clement at Graham T.C.  
November 2—La Salle v D.B.S. at Graham T.C. 8 p.m.  
November 4—D.B.S. v Queen's at Queen's 8 p.m.

November 6—La Salle v Clement at Graham T.C. 8 p.m.  
November 11—La Salle v Queen's at Queen's 8 p.m.  
November 13—Queen's v La Salle at Queen's 8 p.m.

JUNIORS  
October 30—La Salle v Wah Yan HK at Graham T.C. 6 p.m.  
November 1—Clement v Wah Yan HK at King's 10 a.m.  
November 2—La Salle v St Stephen's at Graham T.C. 8 p.m.  
November 4—Queen's v Clement at Queen's 8 p.m.  
November 6—Wah Yan HK v Queen's at St Stephen's at Graham T.C. 6 p.m.  
November 11—Queen's v La Salle at Queen's 8 p.m.

## Fortuna's Match Postponed

Manila, Oct. 29.

The scheduled meet between the visiting Fortuna Swimming Club from Hongkong and local contingents yesterday was cancelled because of rain and, weather permitting, it will be held this afternoon at the Rizal Stadium.

The Fortuna swimmers will stage a farewell meal on Saturday against an all boys and girls selection. They were edged out in the first two meetings—France-Press.

## Indian Team For First "Test" At Lucknow

Calcutta, Oct. 28.

The Indian team for the first "Test" against the Commonwealth team starting at Lucknow on November 5 was announced today.

Polly Umrigar will captain the team which is: Pankaj Roy, M. L. Apte, S. Mushtaq Ali, V. B. Hazare, P. R. Umrigar, V. L. Manjrekar, D. G. Phadkar, G. S. Rautchikar, N. Tamhane, S. E. Gupta, and Jasu Patel; Twelfth man, C. D. Gopinath.

K. S. Srinivas, S. Suranarayana and O. M. Prakash have been chosen as reserves.

Tamhane is the wicketkeeper. The team includes two new players to replace the wicketkeeper, Tamhane, the wicketkeeper, and Jasu Patel, batsman.

Correspondent omission from the team is Vinod Mankad, who had requested the Indian Cricket Control Board not to include him in the first two "Tests".

Mankad said he wanted to test—China Mail Special.

## Floodlit Soccer Results

London, Oct. 28.

Results of friendly football matches played under floodlights tonight were:

Coventry City 1 Wolves 0  
Newcastle U. 3 Southampton 1  
Tottenham H. 3 Aston Villa 2  
Manchester C. 1 Celtic 1  
Derby County 3 Hibernian 2  
—Reuters.

## THE GAMBOLE



## A BARKY APP-LE



## THE GAMBOLE





# How Pirie Treads The Hard Road To Success

By DENNIS HART

Marathon runners are admired by everyone. There is something special about men who race 26 miles. The thought of walking that distance is enough to tire the rest of us.

There is one man, however, who includes Marathons in his daily round. For, rarely, a day passes on which he does not run upwards of 25 miles.

His name? Gordon Pirie, Britain's answer to Emil Zatopek.

"To be a world-beater on the track, you've got to become a machine," he says, "and a machine won't work unless it's in tune."

This is where the Marat comes in. Pirie spends three and a half hours of the day running over the downs near his Surrey home. He does it the Zatopek way, alternately jogging, loping and sprinting.

An evening spent with this "running machine" brought home to me what he meant.

His working day he spends in a bank—dressed in a dark suit, just like any other young office worker.

But in the evening, finished with the affairs of finance, Gordon discards the shackles which chain him to a desk.

He leaves the bank at his fastest starting pace. Anytime home, office clothes are replaced by track suit. Then, without so much as a cup of tea, it's hey-ho for the open road.

It is not until he has many miles of Surrey countryside behind him, that Gordon begins to relax.

Even then, there are no social sessions for Gordon.

First comes a shower, then a meal. What does a world-record-breaker eat?

"Anything and everything," says his mother. "Sometimes after an extra hard spin he is too tired to bother much with food. But if he has been on a short jog, just long enough to give him an appetite, I just can't give him enough."

## A SHORT JOG

How long is a short jog? "About seven or eight miles," says Gordon, almost ashamed of his idleness.

After supper comes more desk work. Being a world-famous runner entails using a pen as well as your legs. Gordon's fan mail, from all over the world, reaches him at his desk.

Many correspondents ask for advice about running and training. More still request autographs. "They don't just ask for one," says the amazed Gordon. "They include half a dozen pieces of paper for me to sign. Many are from girls. I suppose they want to swap them for Gregory Peck's."

And then? It's time for bed. Sleep is important in Pirie's training schedule. "Energy spent must be replaced," he explains.

So, at nine o'clock, when most of us are settling down to enjoy our evening, Gordon goes to bed.

And this is his programme week in and week out.

"Don't you get bored, don't you long for a change?" I asked. "Oh, I get plenty of variety," he assured me. "Athletics is something you're always learning. One year you think you've hit on the ideal training method. Then, next year, you find one that suits you better. In that way you get variation."

## EXTRA TREAT

As an extra treat Gordon sometimes spends an hour or two in the garden, exercising with weights.

If you ask him why he devotes all his time to physical fitness, he replies simply, "I'm determined to get to the top as soon as I can."

His mood is best illustrated by the change in training methods he made about two years ago. Until then he did it all wearing army boots. "This limited his sessions to an hour because running for longer than that in the heavy boots developed blisters on his feet."

Even so, breaking the British six-mile record had established him as the greatest middle-distance runner Britain had ever produced, and he was still improving. But progress was not fast enough. So Gordon abandoned the boots in favour of pumps, and stepped up his training programme threefold.

Is all this work necessary? Other athletes have reached the top by a more comfortable route. With a minimum of training they put all their season's efforts into one fast race.

Such practice has no part in the Pirie make-up. "Sheer laziness" is his comment. "If you can run a fast race one day you should be able to do so the next."

But for all the time he devotes to running, it is the last thing he talks about.

## HAT COLLECTION

Gordon does not talk much anyway, but, when he does, he prefers to discuss his two other interests, photography and collecting hats.

Both are connected with his athletic pursuits. He is proud of his photographs, taken with the family's communal box camera, of different places he has visited as a runner.

The one of which he is proudest, however, is not of a lovely panorama or a place of historic interest. Its subject is a newspaper reporter, a newsman very much the worse for wear. To get the real low-down on Pirie in training, the reporter had volunteered to accompany him in a spin.

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## DISADVANTAGES

Has success also brought disadvantages? There are some, the main one being a Bradman-like reputation.

"Spectators expect me to break a record in every race," he says. "I wish they appreciated how much effort it involves."

Having seen Gordon race and train, I can vouch that it is enormous. What is more, he does not gain a penny from it. In fact, few of the cheering thousands at the White City Stadium realise that winning a British title in the AAA Championships costs Gordon more to achieve than it does for them to watch. They can get in for half a crown. He has to pay a ten shillings entrance fee, and receives no expenses.

And no matter how many titles he wins, no matter how many records he breaks, all the victories in the world will not help him become manager of his bank.

(London Express Service)

## PRIZE PIECE



The 'running machine' relaxes. Wearing his prize specimen, a Swedish railway porter's hat, Gordon Pirie proudly displays his collection of headgear.—Express Photo.

## Two Touring Teams That May Come To Hongkong..

By "ARGONAUT"

From Malaya comes the report that all's likely to be well with the contemplated Far Eastern Tour by Badminton World Champion Wong Peng-soon and his group of Malayan shuttlers.

In a press release Wong stated that his statement to the Badminton Association of Malaya that he would turn professional, if the BAM would not approve his tour was purely of the record and that he believed that the time has not come yet for him or for any other Malayan player to turn professional.

The Johore Badminton Association has forwarded the application for the tour on behalf of its affiliate body, the Companion Badminton Party, under which name the touring team will travel.

As everything is apparently in order, the touring team which previously visited Bangkok, Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines may also be expected in Hongkong, although no official communication has yet been received.

It is learned that in addition to Wong, Cheong Hock-ling and Charlie Seow, who came up here last year, the team will also include Abdullah Piruz and Lim Koon-yam.

Lim is regarded as one of the most prominent among the rising Malayan players. In the last Malayan Championships, Lim not only eliminated Ooi Teik-hock but also had the better of Piruz in three sets before bowing out to Wong Pen-soon in the final.

If arrangements materialise, Hongkong hockey players will have their opportunity at last of playing against the famed All-India hockey team.

The All-India hockey Federation team will visit Malaya about the end of January or the early part of February next year. It is reliably learned that the Hongkong Hockey Association has been approached as to whether it can accommodate the Indians, just after that date.

However, the terms asked for are understood to be beyond acceptance by the Hongkong Hockey Association, and a suggestion has been put forward to Macao to accommodate them.

A team from Hongkong could travel over to Macao for a triangular game if the Indians visit to Macao happens to be on a week-end.

It will be a great pity that Hongkong's sports public will be deprived of the treat of watching a World Champion team in action, but in support of the action taken by the Hongkong Hockey Association it must be said that the spectator-attraction of hockey in Hongkong has been practically nil.

An interport match in Macao usually attracts at least five to six thousand spectators.

This could have also been a golden opportunity to popularise the game. With sufficient publicity, curiously alone among our local sports public would bring a substantial crowd to these games.

Perhaps an approach to some of the influential members of the Indian community here to sponsor the visit of the Indian team to Hongkong may provide a suitable solution for the Hongkong Hockey Association.

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## TOO CONGESTED

# AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS COULD BE MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE

London, Oct. 28.

There is a growing body of opinion which thinks that changes should take place in the athletics world, so far as the organisation of Championships and the attraction of overseas athletes are concerned.

Weight was given to the argument by the lower number of visiting athletes who challenged for the Championships last summer, but this part of the matter raises the whole question of expenses.

If the authorities want the best overseas men to compete, they must make arrangements to get them here, and that means payment of expenses.

But here dangerous ground is approached, and until the day dawns when athletes are treated the same way as lawn tennis players, and allowed to receive expenses for competing in other parts of the world, the present position must remain.

But it does seem farcical that a man travelling with a visiting team to Britain has his expenses paid, but an individual does not. The spectator who is after all, the one who provides the

cash by his attendance at Championships, deserves to see the best in the world in a Championship.

He (or she) is also entitled to consideration in other directions and, in this connection, there has been criticism about the way the annual British AAA Championships meeting is run. As things are at present, there is a full day on Saturday after preliminaries, and some finals have been held on the preceding evening.

Some of the critics feel that too much is crowded into the single day and that the Championships should be spread over a full two days.

This would not be necessary, of course, if the number of events were reduced, thereby preventing a crowding and clash of events. But that would not be necessary if the alternative line was taken—an extension of the time given to the Championships meeting.

One can visualise crowded stands if the British Men's and Women's Championships were staged as one meeting, extending over four days, for spectators would know they would be able to see everything and get value for their money—and they could pick their day according to the programmes arranged.—China Mail Special.

## WOULD DO AS WELL

They point out that cricket draws its thousands in mid-week and, if the athletics were as attractive, it would do so as well. Why, therefore, they ask, cannot the Championships be held in mid-week and make a real three or four days festival of matters by holding the Women's Championships during the same period.

The present position is for the women's ruling body to have quite a separate date to the men for their Championships, but to have "mixed Championships" would, it is maintained, be an attractive gathering.

The allegation of congestion on Championship-day certainly appears to be justified. It may surprise some people to learn how near some officials have been to serious accidents when javelins, the odd discus, hammer and the like are flying about the arena while track runners are also in action.

An extended period for the Championships would enable events not to clash. Those who thought, at one time, that it would be boring to watch, say, a high jump or other field event have changed their mind, as spectators have become educated in the technique of these field events which often raise a bigger cheer than a track race as a competitor takes the lead with a particularly fine effort.

Too often, onlookers watching a track race have been suddenly disturbed by a roar of applause from some who have been looking at a jumping or throwing event and have wondered what it was all about.

Then, too, there was the case of a girl bidding for a world record high jump having her concentration disturbed by the pistol crack as runners were sent on their way.

## CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to play for Army "A" KCC, October 31.

Major V. S. Baily, Major S. P. M. Kent, Captain A. O. Kirby, Major R. Ashby, Captain W. Packham, Lieut. S. T. Do Cruz, Lieut. P. C. Farmer-Wright, Lieut. J. D. P. Alexander, Lieut. R. W. Frankland, R. M. Macpherson, R. H. Hughes, R. Mahon, R. H. G. Hubble, R. G. E. Spink, A. G. Harvey, R. C. Clarke, Twelfth man—F. Van Oorde, Umpire—F. J. Hart, Score—R. McAdam.

Game commences 1230 hrs. Transport will leave Queen's Pier at 1300 hrs. Anyone unable to play please inform Captain Pierce Force 471 immediately.

## OPTIMISTS

The following have been selected to represent the Optimists V.C.C. at Chater Road on Saturday, October 31, at 12.30 p.m.: Capt. G. T. Rowe, L. D. Kilbee, Capt. R. W. Frankland, R. M. Macpherson, R. H. Hughes, R. Mahon, R. H. G. Hubble, R. G. E. Spink, A. G. Harvey, R. C. Clarke, Twelfth man—F. Van Oorde, Umpire—F. J. Hart, Score—R. McAdam.

## INTER-HONG

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the annual Hong Match against Butterfield & Swire on Sunday, November 1, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 11.30 a.m.: G. G. Akenhead, J. A. Bartholomew, P. G. A. Cantopher, R. G. Craig, J. D. Dwyer, J. R. Jekyll, R. K. Knapp, R. L. Layton, S. J. H. Pugh, O. Skinner, I. H. G. Thomson, Umpire—F. Marshall.

## Amateur Boxing International

London, Oct. 28. Britain beat France by seven bouts to three in an amateur boxing international at Wembley here tonight.—China Mail Special.

## Budapest's New Running Track Poses A Problem For The IAAF

London, Oct. 28.

A problem seems to await solution by the International Amateur Athletic Federation if, as some reports stated, the track at the new Hungarian Stadium in Budapest is constructed on a base of osiers.

Some amazing performances, including world records, accomplished there have led to the suggestion that the athletes concerned have been greatly assisted by this surface and it is suggested that the IAAF should act at once before records go on the books that are truly artificial.

In these days when so much is done to find the ideal running surface, just as cricket groundsmen have struggled to find the best type of wicket, it is not unnatural that artificiality should creep in.

The use of special dressings on the turf of cricket pitches has, in the past, led to some farcical situations which, had the process been continued, would have ruined the game.

Now groundsmen look for the more natural wicket with just the preparation necessary to ensure that it will last out a match.

The same sort of thing must surely happen with running

tracks where a natural mineral surface, capable of withstanding severe weather yet not deviating towards artificiality which gives false times to athletes, is necessary.

## LIKE A SPRINGBOARD

If allegations against the Hungarian track are true—and they have not been denied—then one can realise the great assistance given to runners from the springiness of a surface laid on osiers.

It is, in a less degree, equivalent to a springboard where, instead of a competitor getting the assistance of an spring, athletes have this false take-off with every stride they take.

Unless such tracks are banned for recognition of world records, there will be no stopping of similar assistance in other ways. Maybe some means will be found to allow runners to have extra support while they circle a track. Such happenings would, of course, produce stupendous times and performances which, however, would be entirely false—just as in a track surface on which competitors get an advantage from the springiness placed below the surface.—China Mail Special.

## MACAO'S TEAM FOR FENCING INTERPORT

Macao, Oct. 28. A Macao fencing team will arrive in Hongkong by the ss Fat Shan on November 30 to compete with fencing enthusiasts in the British Colony. The Macao team will comprise Captain Julio A. Cruz, Captain J. Pinheiro, Captain Falcato, Fausto, Branco, Civil Engineer Humberto Rodrigues, Lieutenant Sten, Lt. Rui Ferreira and Lt. Sampaio Nunes.—France-Press.

## Victory For Eire

Dublin, Oct. 28. Eire beat Luxembourg 4-0 in the World Cup Soccer match today. At half-time the score was 1-0.—Reuter.

## Two New "Caps" In Scotland's Soccer Team

Glasgow, Oct. 28. Scotland has introduced two new "caps" for their Home International World Soccer Cup qualifying match against Wales here on November 4.

They are Willie Telfer, St. Mirren, centre-half, and J. McKenzie, Partick Thistle right winger.

The team announced today is as follows: Farm (Blackpool); Young (Rangers); Captain, Cox (Rangers); Evans (Celtic); Telfer (St. Mirren); Cowie (Dundee); McKenzie (Partick Thistle); Johnstone (Hibernian); Reilly (Hibernian); Brown (Blackpool); Liddell (Liverpool).

Only five members of the team which beat Ireland 3-1 in Belfast earlier this month have been retained—Farm, Young, Cowie, Evans and Cox.

The entire Scottish forward line in that match has been scrapped. Apart from McKenzie, the selectors have reverted to tried and trusted players for the attack, including Allan Brown, the Blackpool inside forward who broke a leg in a League match last season.—China Mail Special.

## Jupiter Wins The Cambridgeshire

Newmarket, Oct. 28.

Lord Lambton's Jupiter, ridden by Sir Gordon Richards, won the Cambridgeshire Handicap run over nine furlongs today.

Jupiter, a three-year-old chestnut colt by the Irish sire, the Phoenix, started at 100-6 and was one of the best backed horses in the field of 20 starters.

Sir Gordon, who had never previously ridden the winner of this race, put up one pound overweight to take the mount.

The winner finished strongly to capture the £2,000 prize by three-quarters of a length from the top-weight King of the Tudors, ridden by Kenny Gellin, who had won the Cesarewitch on Chantry two weeks earlier in the first leg of the famous Autumn double.

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## FILIPINO CLUB BOWLS RESULTS

The following are the results of the Filipino Club lawn bowls tournaments concluded yesterday:

Singles—Winner, R.M.V. Ribeiro; runner-up, H.J. Noronha.

Singles' Handicap—Winner, H.J. Noronha; runner-up, S.J. Hunt.

Pairs—Winners, L.A. Perez, Dr. V. N. Allenza; runners-up, L.M. Neves, H.A. Ribeiro.

Triples—Winners, L.A. Perez, C.M. Xavier, W.C. Ogley (Skip); runners-up, L.M. Neves, J.S. Castro, W.J. Howard (Skip).

Quinets—Winners, M.R. Pereira, I. S. Castro, R.M.V. Ribeiro, R. Baza (Skip); runners-up, L.M. Neves, L.A. Perez, W.C. Ogley, C.A. Coelho.

## HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Oct. 28. The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played today:

County championship: Eastern Counties 16, Hampshire 3. Surrey 10, Middlesex 21.

Other matches: Huddersley 3, Barryowen 6. London University 6, St. Mary's Hospital 0.—Reuter.

## QUADRANGULAR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Rangoon, Oct. 28. Burma and Pakistan drew 1-1 in the Asia Amateur Quadrangular Soccer Tournament today.

There was no score at half-time. Left-winger Umar scored for Pakistan after 48 minutes and Samuels equalised with a penalty 12 minutes later.

India, with two wins and Burma, one win and one draw, will meet on Saturday to decide the winners of the tournament.—Reuter.

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"BELLEROPHON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	23rd Nov.
"MENTOR"	Glasgow, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London, Antwerp & Hamburg	23rd Nov.
"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Dec.

## Scheduled sailings from Europe

Sails	Load	Arrives
"MENTOR"	Liverpool	9th Nov.
"PATROCLUS"	do	17th Oct.
"ATHENS"	do	17th Nov.
"CYCLOPS"	do	24th Oct.
"AUTOLYCUS"	do	3rd Nov.
"PERSEUS"	do	7th Nov.
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## BIRTHS

MOORE - To Diana (nee Leggett) and Ray, on October 28, 1953, at Matilda Hospital, a son, Denis.

van GELDER - To Mrs. and Mr. van Gelder, on Thursday morning, October 29, 1953, at Matilda Hospital, a son, Alexander.

KURUNSHU - To Corina and Andrew on October 28, 1953, at Kowloon Hospital, a son, brother to Edith. Both well.

## CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

from Europe	Departure from:	Due Hongkong:
"VIET-NAM"	Marseilles 6 Oct.	1 Nov.
"CANBODGE"	Marseilles 27 Oct.	22 Nov.
to Europe	Departure from:	Due Hongkong:
"AURAY"	Kelung 28 Oct.	31 Oct.
"VIET-NAM"	Hongkong 3 Nov.	Due Marseilles 24 Nov.
"IRAOUADY"	Kelung 20 Nov.	Due HK-21 Nov.

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### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES  
S.S. "IRAOUADY"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godowns, where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 31st October, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 1st November, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before 15th November, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hongkong, 20th October, 1953.

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BODWELL & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 20th October, 1953.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

m.v. "SHUNSUKE MARU"

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1953.

# New Airport For Delhi?

New Delhi, Oct. 28. The Indian Government is considering building a new international airport at Delhi, according to a reliable Government source today.

Palam airport, which is now Delhi's air terminal, is also a large Indian Air Force station, resulting in congestion and control difficulties.

Because of the size of the Air Force establishment at Palam, it is not considered possible to expand the airfield for new commercial types, and the Government therefore decided to seek a new site which will be for purely commercial use.

The new airport will not be completed for at least three years, the source said.—China Mail Special.

## General Airey Visits Warship

His Excellency the Commander, British Forces, Lieutenant-General Sir Terence Airey, KCMG, CB, CBE, today paid an informal visit to H.M.S. Defender (Daring Class) in HM Dockyard.

HMS Defender paid a brief visit to the port in July. She arrived in Hongkong on October 21 from Okinawa. HMS Defender has been carrying out routine patrols in Korean waters and more latterly exercises with units of the American Pacific Fleet.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "BELLEROPHON"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on October 31 and November 2, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, October 29, 1953.

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"CORFU"	10th December	11th January

via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

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"ANKING"	sails 17th Nov.	for Japan
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"ORMARA"	due 7th Nov.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bahrain, Kuwait, Khormashir, Basrah & other P. Gulf Ports via Bombay
"OZARDA"	due 9th Nov.	from P. Gulf, Karachi & Colombo
"OZARDA"	sails 11th Nov.	for Japan

### EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

"EASTERN"	due 9th Nov.	from Australia
"EASTERN"	sails 10th Nov.	for Yokohama & Kobe

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

By Air

Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, 6 p.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Aden, Middle East, Italy, 5 p.m.

By Air

Thailand, Burma, 5 a.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.

U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 5 p.m.

North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Malaya, 5 a.m.

China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.

U.S.A. and Canada, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 5 p.m.

North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, Malaya, Middle East, 6 a.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.

By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, Malaya, Middle East, 6 a.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.

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## PROFITABLE RACKET IN CEYLON

Ceylon, Oct. 28. Businesses and companies are mushrooming all over Ceylon, a police spokesman revealed today.

The informant said nearly 20 official complaints were being investigated in the most flourishing racket.

The complaints are chiefly from persons who claim they were cheated into investing large sums of money in "bad" business enterprises.

He said the police have reason to believe the number of victims is much higher.

Clerks, stenographers and cashiers have been duped into paying security money for jobs which were really non-existent.

The manner in which the racketeers operate is simple. A firm is incorporated and registered under the Companies Ordinance. Shares are sold to anyone who may buy them.

After some time the "business enterprise" which investors were told was a roaring business suddenly collapses.

The police spokesman said they were often helpless to take action as all the shareholders themselves were parties to an agreement.—United Press.

## War Office Answers Complaints

London, Oct. 28. The War Secretary, Mr. Anthony Head, was asked by Mr. John Hall, Conservative member for Wycombe, in the House of Commons today how far the decision to move British troops from Trieste would result in financial hardship to officers' and men and if he would authorize special allowances to cover such cases.

Mr. Head replied: "I have this possibility very much in mind and I can assure you that any case of exceptional financial hardship caused by these circumstances will be carefully and sympathetically considered by my department."

Mr. Emrys Hughes, Labour member for South Ayrshire, then asked: "Will this also apply to Scottish soldiers sent to British Guiana, about half a dozen of whom were married about a week before they went?"

Mr. Head replied: "That is a different question. But in any circumstances always lie with Scottish soldiers."

Mr. Head said he had called for a report on messing arrangements in two units serving in Kenya after receiving three individual complaints.

He assured Mrs. Jean Mann, Labour member for Conbridge and Aldridge, who raised the question, that the ration in Kenya was the full army ration, which should basically provide a completely adequate amount of food.—China Mail Special.

## Invisible Rays Will Guard Atom Secrets

Invisible rays are to form an outer line of defence at military and atomic plants in Britain and the Commonwealth.

They are the scientists' answer to prowlers, spies and saboteurs.

The world's biggest ray "barrier" 12 miles of it—will soon cover every rise and dip on the perimeter of a top-secret defence plant, "somewhere in the Empire." It will cost £20,000.

The ray barrier cannot be climbed over. It cannot be pierced. It sounds an instant alarm in check posts—and guards know exactly where to look for the break-in.

The new equipment is an improved version of a well-known war-time secret—an invisible ray which guarded long, lonely stretches of Britain's coastline.

## COUNSEL TO GARDENERS

Durham, Oct. 28. Johannesburg gardeners were advised by Durham military pensioner L. B. Anderson not to throw away any old teapots they might find without first looking to see if they contained gold coins.

Mr. Anderson said that in the early days of the Rand gold boom Chinese labourers had the habit of burying their gold for safe-keeping. Teapots were a popular receptacle.

Many of the Chinese were arrested for crime and deported without having a chance to recover their wealth.—China Mail Special.

## Prize For Colonel Hunt



Colonel Sir John Hunt, leader of the successful British Everest expedition, holds aloft the prize awarded to him by the Mayor of Genoa, Italy, for the greatest sports performance of the year.—Express Photo.

## New Electronics Device Canada's Air Raid Warning

Ottawa, Oct. 28. Canada's Defence Research Board is emphasising that the new electronics device developed by scientists at McGill University, Montreal, does not constitute a cheap and easy method of protecting the North American continent from trans-Polar air attack.

The spectacular publicity about the now-famous "McGill Fence" proves one thing above all, and that is the urgent concentration of United States and Canadian authorities on the problem of giving North American cities the maximum amount of protection from bombing attacks.

The gravity of the problem has been emphasised by recent revelations of Soviet Russia's increased atomic striking power.

The "McGill Fence" purported to be a very valuable addition to North America's radar ramparts, will be considered, among other things, by members of the Canadian-United States Defence Boards when they meet shortly.

Dr. O. M. Solandt, chairman of Canada's Defence Research Board, has stated that the "McGill Fence" is not regarded as a substitute for radar stations of familiar pattern. It is, however, known to be lot cheaper in money, materials and manpower, and may prove an invaluable supplement to a full-sized radar chain and of particular value in the vast expanses in Canada's northland.

First reports on the "McGill Fence" described it as a cheap and effective substitute for multi-million-dollar radar installations strung across the northern rim of Canada. It has been estimated that such a radar chain, which would be far from air-tight at that, would cost \$1,000,000,000 (about £334,000,000) to erect and large sums to operate and maintain. It would also take a great deal of time to produce the equipment and install it.

### TOP SECRET

The "McGill Fence" and its details are still top secret. There is every reason to believe, however, that it is economical and can be produced with speed. Ottawa defence authorities are obviously unhappy at the disclosure in the United States that such an electronic device exists, even if the details and its capabilities and shortcomings have not been revealed.

In stating that the "McGill Fence" would not take the place of the normal radar station network, the Defence Research Board gives a possible clue as to the nature of the new device. It has been well-known that one of the shortcomings of a radar chain strung across Canada's Arctic reaches was that it would show the presence of foreign planes and even their numbers but could not indicate the direction in which they were flying with any degree of accuracy.

All roads from the North Pole lead south, although the ultimate destination could vary

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN U.S.

By SYDNEY S. CAMPBELL  
Routor's Financial Editor

In the midst of uncertainties, business reports in the United States are naturally not good. U.S. employment statistics are defective, and always difficult to interpret, but it is certain that none of the natural addition to the labour force in the past year has been absorbed into jobs, inasmuch total employment is officially reported to be no higher than a year ago.

Unemployment increased very slightly between August and September. The change was very slight indeed, as also was last quarter's drop in the gross national product.

But the smallest straw may suffice to show a change in the wind. This is the first September rise in employment in the entire post-war period, and the first drop in the national product since the 1949 setback. Also for the first time in years, personal income has stopped rising. August (at annual rates) it was still \$16 billion larger than in August 1952, but it was \$500 million below the officially reduced estimate for July, and \$1,100 million below the original estimate for July.

Up to the end of August the makers of durable goods were still adding to inventories, though for six months their new orders had been falling below their deliveries, and cancellations had been cutting into their order backlog for a year.

The short of new orders below deliveries has been accelerating. In March-June it averaged \$750 million a month, in July it widened to \$2,000 million, and in August to nearly \$3,000 million. In the 12 months to the end of August the makers of durable goods added nearly \$3,000 million to inventories, while their unfilled orders were falling by \$7,500 million, an unpleasant pair of scissors. In the later stages, the additions to inventory were probably involuntary. Since the end of August they may have been able to make an overdue start on reducing their excess inventory, but if the shortfall of new orders has widened further, the order backlog will have continued to fall and perhaps faster. Backlogs are still very large but they can melt surprisingly fast when sentiment changes.

One traditional business barometer, the price of steel scrap, has been pointing sharply downwards. Its fall of 32 per cent since July has been even faster, though not yet as large, as the fall of 55 per cent between January and June 1949, which heralded the curtailment in steel output from 102 per cent of that year to 79 per cent in the third quarter. The optimists theorise that steel scrap has been used to make barometric.

Some of their supporting arguments seem calculated to aggravate rather than to allay any uneasiness. One argument is that the steel industry, having increased its blast furnace capacity, is using more iron ore and is less dependent on scrap; but the iron ore position is that but the ore boats on the Great Lakes are expected to cease operations by December 1, two years earlier than last year and the earliest date in 15 years, and to restart unusually late next spring, because inventories of ore are so large that there is no need for the boats to work a full season. (Their other major traffic, grain, has even poorer prospects at the moment.)

Another argument is that the scrap-collecting industry is over-expanded and must cut down to a more reasonable size. That raises the burning question of whether some other industries, including the steel industry and perhaps U.S. industry as a whole, may not also be over-expanded by the forced draught of several years of inflation and also require cutting down to a more normal size.—Reuter.

## British Expert Off To India

London, Oct. 28. A British expert will leave by sea for India on Nov. 9 to help the Indian Government to revise the working of its trade marks and merchandise Acts; the Treasury announced.

The expert, Mr. C. T. Whyman, who is in charge of the trade marks branch of the Patent Office, will assist an Indian Review Committee for four months.

The Indian Acts are modelled on the provisions of British statutes. Mr. Whyman is going to Delhi under the technical co-operation scheme of the Colombo Plan.—China Mail Special.

## Agreement To Be Extended

Tokyo, Oct. 28. The Japanese Government has decided to exchange notes shortly with the Uruguayan Government extending the existing provisional trade agreement for six months from October 28.

The existing agreement, which expired on October 27, was concluded on May 1, 1949.—France Press.

## Anglo-American Negotiations

London, Oct. 28. Britain is still negotiating with the United States on the American offer of surplus food and other agricultural commodities for payment in Sterling, a Treasury spokesman said here.

No indication is available yet of what the United Kingdom either can or is prepared to take under this programme.

He said it is not likely that the final list of commodities would be announced until the whole deal has been settled.—Reuter.

## Japan "Grave Menace" To Australia

Canberra, Oct. 28. Japan constituted a grave menace to Australia's industries, which must be fought with every available weapon, the Director of the Associated Chambers of Manufacturers, Mr. L. Withall, said today.

In a statement issued under the heading "Dangers Associated with Japan Becoming a Member Nation of the General Agreement of Trade and Tariffs," Mr. Withall said that if the Japanese trade menace were not fought successfully, Australia's expansion over the past decade would be prejudiced.

Mr. Withall continued: "Plans for the future including the immigration programme and the maintenance of material prosperity for the people can be forgotten."

Import restrictions formed a temporary protection from unreasonable trading practices but if these restrictions tapered off, it would be certain that the Australian Government would be compelled to take an essentially realistic view of the Japanese trade menace when its volume and character became fully known, Mr. Withall added.—Reuter.

## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Oct. 28. The market opened lower and eased slightly in the morning. In the afternoon, it rallied on trade buying. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Nov. 54-54½  
December 54-54½  
January 54-54½  
No. 2 rubber per lb. Nov. 53½-53½  
December 53½-53½  
January 53½-53½  
Spot rubber unbleached 53½-54  
4 rubber per lb. Nov. 45½-47½  
Blanket crepe 50-52  
No. 1 pale crepe 10-12  
—United Press.

### LONDON MARKET

London, Oct. 28. The rubber market was quiet with No. 1 Ras spot quoted at 10½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Ras spot 10-10½  
Settlement House terms: November 10½-10½, December 10½-10½, January 10½-10½, April/May 10½-10½, July/August 10½-10½, Sept/October 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Nov. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Dec. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jan. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Feb. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Mar. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Apr. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis May 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jun. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jul. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Aug. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Sep. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Oct. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Nov. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Dec. 1 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jan. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Feb. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Mar. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Apr. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis May 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jun. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jul. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Aug. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Sep. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Oct. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Nov. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Dec. 2 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Jan. 3 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Feb. 3 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Mar. 3 10½-10½, C.I.F. basis Apr. 3 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